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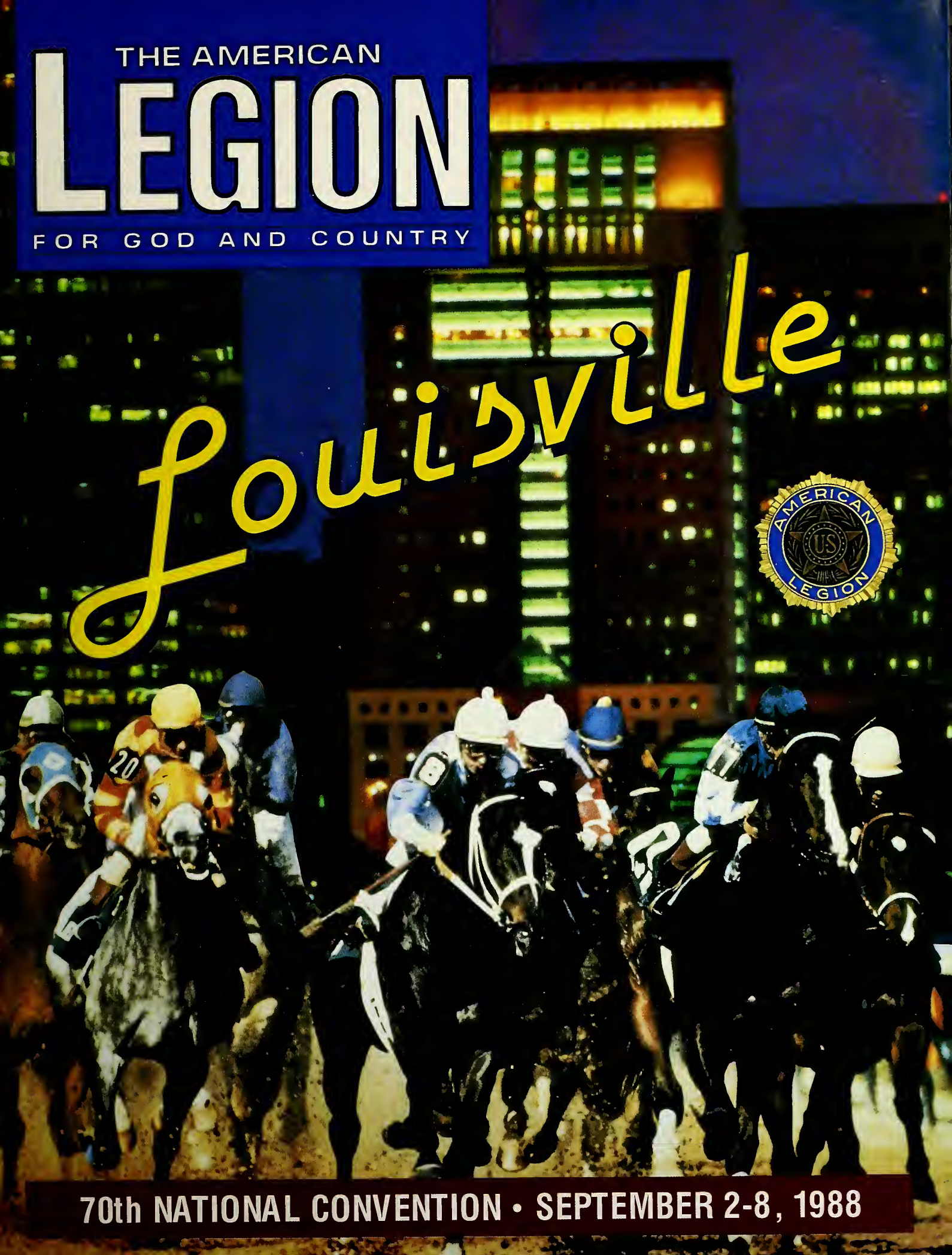

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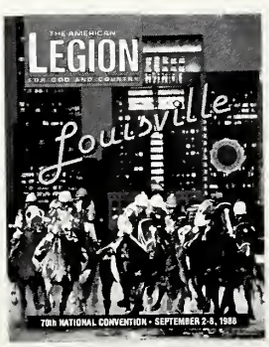

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Welcome to Louisville and The American Legion's 70th Annual National Convention

John P. "Jake" Comer

When I was elected your National Commander last year in San Antonio I challenged each of you to make this a year to remember. I am happy to report that you have met the challenge. This year has been one of tremendous growth throughout The American Legion. Our growth has been seen not only in our membership, but also in the number of participants in American Legion programs and our influence in the nation's capitol.

One specific challenge I raised for you was to raise $1 million for The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Your response has been fantastic. During my travels throughout the year I had the opportunity to see, first hand, how Legionnaires, when faced with a challenge, rise up to meet and surpass that challenge. Your efforts are commendable. Each of you demonstrated the true spirit of The American Legion — giving in service to God and country — to help those less fortunate.

But your giving did not stop there. We have more young people involved in Legion sponsored Boy Scout programs, American Legion Baseball and the National High School Oratorical contest than ever before. For the first time, the final game of The American Legion Baseball World Series was televised nationwide by ESPN. This was a significant accomplishment because the television exposure helped spread the word about our fine baseball program — and I hope it helps us attract more young people next year.

As we were able to provide more help to the youth of this nation, we also increased our efforts in support of our nation's veterans. On several occasions I asked you to contact your representatives in Washington to express our views on a variety of issues surrounding the Veterans Administration. I was extremely pleased with your overwhelming response.

Congress considered several pieces of legislation vital to the future of America's veterans — ranging from the elevation of the Administrator of the Veterans Administration to Cabinet-level status, to the annual VA budget, to Judicial Review, I found that the best way to voice our concerns was through direct help. You responded quickly and powerfully. When a senate committee was considering the legislation to elevate the VA Administrator, they also were considering an amendment to alter the current Judicial Review policy. On that occasion we made a difference and the amendment was dropped. But again, in another Congressional committee, the issue of Judicial Review was being added to other important national legislation. And again I asked you to voice our concerns and you did. The American Legion wants the issue of Judicial Review discussed, but we feel that it should be discussed separately.

Through your actions on the grassroots level we have continued to be an effective voice for the nation's veterans in working with Congress.

Again this year The American Legion was involved in the continuing search for freedom and democracy in Central America. Our efforts to influence Congress to continue support to the Nicaraguan freedom fighters were reflected in the closeness of the vote. The aid was narrowly defeated, but we made a difference. By contacting your representatives you demonstrated The American Legion was aware of their actions and we would continue to keep an eye on their activities relating to Central America.

This year millions of Americans will go to the voting booth to elect the leadership of this nation for the next four years. In support of those elections we developed a campaign to remind Americans that voting is not just a right — it's a duty. In a recent survey of American Legion Magazine readers it was noted that 90 percent of our membership votes on election day. As veterans we know the struggle involved in maintaining a free and democratic society. By voting we have a voice in how our democracy is maintained. Do your duty — vote.

The American Legion is growing stronger everyday.

In order to keep us on the road to growth, each of us, you and I, must keep talking with veterans about the benefits of being a Legionnaire. Legionnaires support the values and ideals upon which this nation was founded. To be a Legionnaire is to be an American. Stand tall and be proud to be a veteran, a Legionnaire and a citizen. There is no better place on earth to live and grow than in America.

To all the Legionnaires around the world, I say thank you for giving me the privilege of serving as your National Commander during the 69th year of our long tradition of service to God and country. It truly has been a year to remember and I will never forget you and the support you provided this year.

As we begin our 70th convention session, I want to challenge you once again. Make our coming year still another year of growth and prosperity. Through your efforts we can keep The American Legion the largest and fastest growing veterans organization in the nation — dedicated to service to God and country. Through your efforts we will continue to make a difference for those who come after us. □

Where to Register and Obtain Information

Registration and Information Booths will be operated in Louisville for the convenience of conventioneers.

Booths will be located in the —

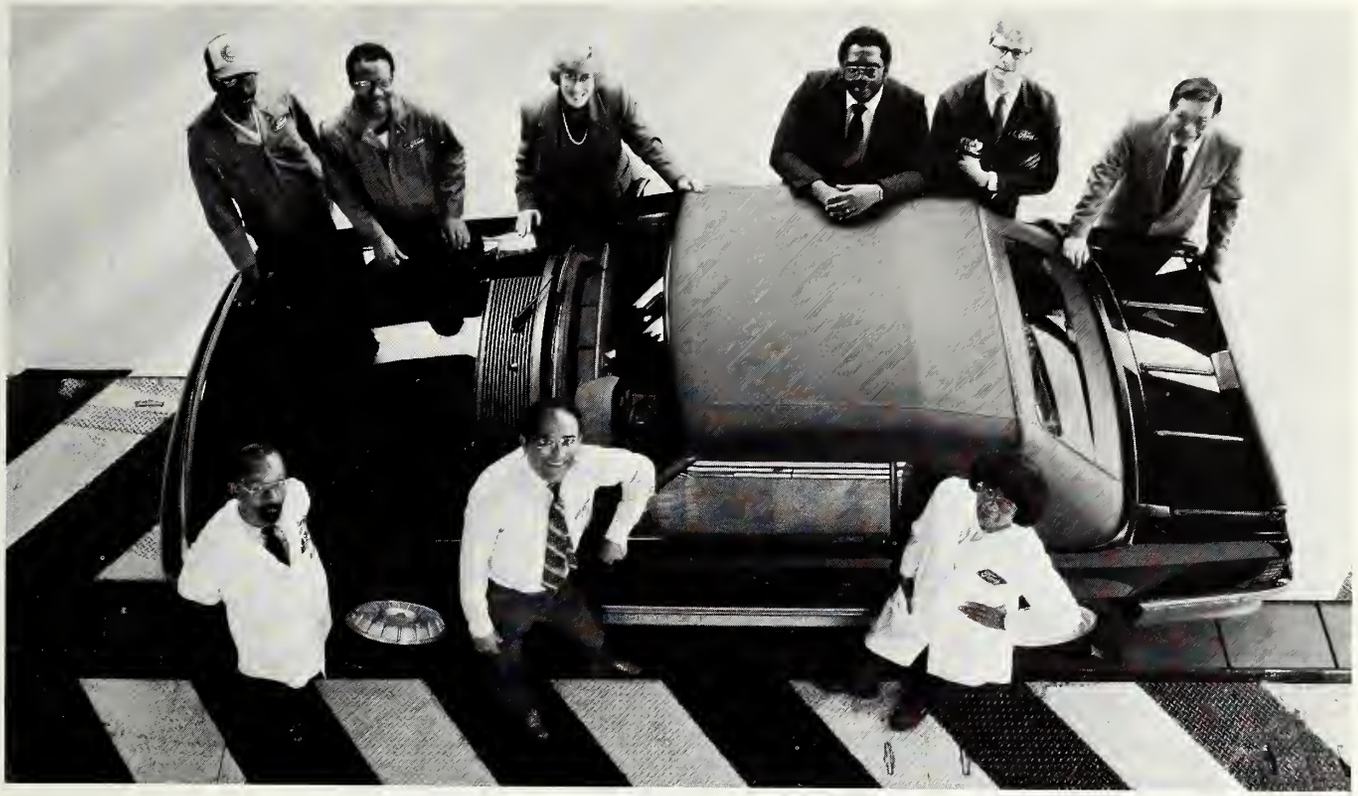
Commonwealth Convention Center
The Galt House East

Booths will operate form 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Friday, September 2 through Thursday, September 8.

The Registration Booths will operate for those persons who have not previously registered and wish to attend Convention Sessions.

All persons (except those under age 12) are to be reminded that the official convention badge or other approved credentials are required to gain entry to the General Convention Sessions.

Teamwork:



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I am delighted to extend warmest greetings to fellow members of the American Legion as you gather in Louisville for your 70th National Convention.

Legionnaires have always had a special place in my heart. I am truly grateful for the support you have shown my Administration during these last eight years. When it counted, you were there. For seven decades you have steadfastly supported principles -- a strong defense, love of liberty, solid alliances, and a security based on preparedness -- that have kept our Republic strong and resolute.

I also want to commend you for your years of dedicated and continued service to our Nation's veterans and our communities. You can take great pride in your outstanding record of accomplishments.

You have my best wishes for a productive and memorable convention. God bless you, and God bless America!

Ronald Reagan

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Greetings:

As Governor, it is a distinct pleasure to welcome you to Louisville for the National American Legion Convention. I sincerely hope the next few days are both productive and enjoyable for you.

For those of you who may be from out of state, may I offer a special word of welcome. We are honored to have you visiting with us, and we extend a warm invitation for you to spend some extra time with us. The more you see of Kentucky, the more of our hospitality you experience--the more you will see why we are so proud of our Commonwealth and why we love to show it off to special guests like you.

Best wishes to all for a most successful convention.

Yours sincerely,

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Office of the
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

My fellow Legionnaires:

On behalf of the more than 29,000 Kentucky Legionnaires it is a pleasure for me to welcome you to our Commonwealth and the 70th National Convention here in Louisville.

Louisville prides itself on being called a "Convention City". It has some of the finest hotels, restaurants, and entertainment facilities you will find anywhere. The American Legion Convention Corporation of Kentucky has labored many months to insure a successful and memorable Convention.

If this is your first visit to the "Bluegrass State", you will find us warm, friendly, and eager to be helpful. Many Legionnaires know this already because they were stationed at Fort Knox which is nearby.

The eyes of the nation (as well as the world) focus on the city of Louisville the first Saturday of May of each year with the running of the Kentucky Derby. Churchill Downs, and its museum is but one historical site you can visit in your leisure time. We hope you have the opportunity to tour our city as well as the surrounding area.

Again, welcome, and if I or any Kentucky Legionnaire can be of any assistance to you during your stay, please feel free to call on us. We want you to have a good time as we work together this week for God and Country. Remember the Commonwealth of Kentucky's motto: "United we stand, divided we fall".

Yours for the Legion,

Michael D. Leon

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Department Commander
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September 2, 1988

To All Delegates
National American Legion Convention
Commonwealth Convention Center
Louisville, KY

Dear Friends,

As Mayor of Louisville, I take great pleasure in welcoming you to our city. We are very proud to serve as host city for the National American Legion Convention and extend to you our finest in southern hospitality.

We are excited about the future of Kentucky's largest city. I invite you to stroll Fourth Avenue and view the Fourth Avenue Trolley. The Toonerville II, began service last Thanksgiving, and is one example of the resurgence in Louisville's downtown. The decision by the Presbyterian Church to locate its national headquarters in the Belknap property serves as a catalyst for the development of our beautiful waterfront, as well as The Islands Restaurant.

Our manufacturing industry continues to gain strength, aided by our Ford Motor Company's decision to expand its Fern Valley Road facility to produce a new truck line. And the 1988 Breeders Cup, to be held at Churchill Downs, will attract up to 65,000 visitors, bolstering our ranking as one of the nation's top convention and destination sites.

Once again, a warm welcome to Louisville. We are glad you are here and hope you will visit us often.

Sincerely,

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September 2, 1988

Delegates, Alternates and Guests
National American Legion Convention
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Delegates, Alternates, Auxiliary Members and Guests:

Welcome to Jefferson County!

I want to extend personal greetings to each of you as you gather for the national conventions of the American Legion and the Auxiliary. I am pleased you chose our community as your convention site.

Our nation remains a land of freedom and opportunity because you served us in various assignments to protect our freedom and that of our allies. The American Legion and your Auxiliary, as organizations, continue to render community services across the country. We are proud of our American Legion Posts in Jefferson County.

While you are here, we invite you to share in the hospitality and scenic beauty of our area. We take great pride in the history and heritage of Jefferson County and hope you have the opportunity to visit many of the new attractions which are indicative of our growth and redevelopment.

Please enjoy your visit and return often. If there is anything my office can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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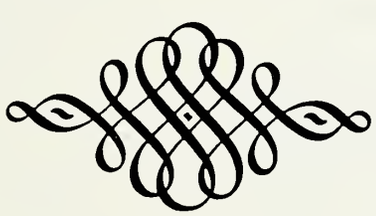

Commonwealth Convention Center
Louisville, Kentucky
September 6-8, 1988

Agenda

70th Annual National Convention — The American Legion
Commonwealth Convention Center — Louisville, Kentucky
September 6-8, 1988

Tuesday, September 6, 1988

8:30 a.m. PRELUDE
Peter Ole, Organist

9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER
John P. "Jake" Comer (Massachusetts)
National Commander

ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS
Cheverly Troopers
American Legion Post 108
Brentwood, Maryland

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1987-88 LEGION YEAR IN REVIEW
Multi-Image Presentation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
John P. "Jake" Comer (Massachusetts)
National Commander

INVOCATION AND LIGHTING OF PEACE CANDLE
Rev. Jerry Salveson (North Dakota)
National Chaplain

POW/MIA EMPTY CHAIR CEREMONY
By: William M. Detweiler (Louisiana)
Chairman, Foreign Relations Commission

Keith Baker (Iowa)
Chairman, Special POW/MIA Committee

PREAMBLE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION CONSTITUTION
John P. "Jake" Comer (Massachusetts)
National Commander

CALL FOR CONVENTION
Robert W. Spanogle (Michigan)
National Adjutant

9:45 a.m. WELCOME
The Honorable Wendell H. Ford
United States Senator
Commonwealth of Kentucky

The Honorable Wallace G. Wilkinson
Governor
Commonwealth of Kentucky

The Honorable Harvey I. Sloane
County Judge/Executive
Jefferson County, Kentucky

The Honorable Jerry E. Abramson
Mayor of Louisville

Michael D. Leon
1987-88 Department Commander
The American Legion of Kentucky

J. Leslie Brown, Jr., *President*
The American Legion National Convention Corporation of Kentucky, Inc.

RESPONSES TO ADDRESSES OF WELCOME
John P. "Jake" Comer (Massachusetts)
National Commander

10:00 a.m. SPECIAL ADDRESS

10:30 a.m. NATIONAL COMMANDER'S REPORT
John P. "Jake" Comer (Massachusetts)
National Commander

10:45 a.m. PRESENTATION of Medallion to the City of San Antonio, Texas
Host City for the 1987 National Convention

By: James P. Dean (Mississippi)
Past National Commander

Accepting: Harvey Holcomb, *President*
Texas National Convention Corporation of The American Legion

10:50 a.m. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

By: John P. "Jake" Comer (Massachusetts)
National Commander

To: Rev. Jerry Salveson (North Dakota)
National Chaplain

10:55 a.m. REPORT OF CREDENTIALS & INTERNAL AFFAIRS — SECTION 1

11:00 a.m. REPORT OF LEGISLATION AND RULES

11:05 a.m. INTRODUCTION
Mrs. H. B. Behrend (Wisconsin)
National President
American Legion Auxiliary

11:10 a.m. REPORT OF CHILDREN & YOUTH

11:25 a.m. PRESENTATION — The National Commander's and National President's Unity Award Winners

By: John P. "Jake" Comer (Massachusetts)
National Commander

By: Mrs. H. B. Behrend (Wisconsin)
National President

To: Winning Posts and Units

11:35 a.m. PRESENTATION — Representatives of The American Legion Youth Programs

1988 Scout of the Year
Troy E. Eckhardt, DeLand, Florida

1988 First Place Winner National Oratorical Contest
Dilip Paliath, Baltimore, Maryland

1988 Boys Nation President
David C. Nason, South Hamilton, Massachusetts

1987 Baseball Player of the Year
Wilbur Stout, Boyertown, Pennsylvania

1988 Girls Nation President
Angela J. Uherbelau, Ashland, Oregon

11:45 a.m. PRESENTATION — Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge

To: John P. "Jake" Comer (Massachusetts)
National Commander

By: Robert W. Miller, *President*

11:50 a.m. "THANKS A MILLION" CELEBRATION

12:15 p.m. REPORT OF AMERICANISM
Announcement of Winning Department
The Frank N. Belgrano, Jr. Trophy
Ralph T. O'Neil Education Trophy
By: John P. "Jake" Comer (Massachusetts)
National Commander

12:40 p.m. PRESENTATION — William Randolph Hearst Americanism Trophy
By: John B. Levesque, *Publisher*
The Intelligencer

To: Winning Department

12:50 p.m. ADDRESS
The Honorable Thomas K. Turnage
Administrator
Veterans Administration

1:05 p.m. MESSAGE TO THE CONVENTION
Fred E. Ellis, *National President*
The Society of American Legion Founders

1:10 p.m. GREETINGS
George T. Campbell
Dominion President
Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada

J. W. (Bill) Smith, *Vice President*
The Royal Canadian Legion

General Hsu Li-nung, *Chairman*
Vocational Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen, Republic of China

General Joon-yeol So, ROKA, Retired
President
The Korean Veterans Association

NOTE: Times of subsequent sessions and time of Convention Committee Reports are subject to change by the chair.

1:30 p.m. REPORT OF CREDENTIALS & INTERNAL AFFAIRS — Section 2

2:00 p.m. ADDRESS
General Frederick F. Woerner,
Commander in Chief
United States Army
U.S. Southern Command

2:20 p.m. REPORT OF CREDENTIALS & INTERNAL AFFAIRS — Membership

PRESENTATION of Special Membership Awards for 1988
By: John P. "Jake" Comer (Massachusetts)
National Commander

Assisted by: *National Vice Commanders*
Neale V. Cabral (Connecticut)
Joe Frank, Jr. (Missouri)
W. P. (Bill) Petersen (Montana)
Paul B. Phifer, Jr. (Virginia)
Leon Reed (Arkansas)

SALUTE TO COLORS

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Special Session of the 70th Annual National Convention The American Legion Hall

Tuesday, September 6, 1988

7:00 p.m. SPECIAL ADDRESS
The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States

Wednesday, September 7, 1988

9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER
John P. "Jake" Comer (Massachusetts)
National Commander

SALUTE TO COLORS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION
Rev. Jerry Salveson (North Dakota)
National Chaplain

9:05 a.m. GREETINGS
Charles T. Hagel, *President*
USO World Headquarters

9:20 a.m. GREETINGS
Joe Foss, *President*
National Rifle Association of America

9:40 a.m. PRESENTATION — Employer of the Year Awards for Hiring Veterans
By: John P. "Jake" Comer (Massachusetts)
National Commander

To: Joseph Blake, *Personnel Director*
Twitchell
Dothan, Alabama

To: Jan W. Spitzer, *Employee Relations Manager*
Stran Buildings
La Grange, Georgia

9:55 a.m. REPORT OF ECONOMICS
Employment and Veterans Preference
Other Economic Matters

10:30 a.m. SPECIAL ADDRESS

11:00 a.m. PRESENTATION — National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

To: John P. "Jake" Comer
(Massachusetts)
National Commander

By: Charles F. Printz, *President General*

11:05 a.m. REPORT OF FINANCE

11:15 a.m. REPORT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS

11:35 a.m. ADDRESS
Diane Carlson Evans, *R.N.*
Vietnam Women's Memorial Project, Inc.

11:45 a.m. ADDRESS
General Richard G. Stilwell, USA (Ret.)
President, Stilwell Associates, Inc.

12:05 p.m. INTRODUCTION — Sons of the American Legion
Newly Elected National Commander

12:10 p.m. REPORT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION
Claims and Rating
Hospitals and Medical Services

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNING DEPARTMENT — National Service Trophy

By: John P. "Jake" Comer
(Massachusetts)
National Commander

1:10 p.m. REPORT OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SALUTE TO COLORS

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NOTE: Times of subsequent sessions and time of Convention Committee Reports are subject to change by the chair.

NOTE: The National Executive Committee will meet within twenty-four (24) hours after close of the Convention — upon call of the National Commander

Thursday, September 8, 1988

9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER
John P. "Jake" Comer (Massachussetts)
National Commander

SALUTE TO COLORS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION
Rev. Jerry Salveson (North Dakota)
National Chaplain

9:05 a.m. PRESENTATION — The American Legion Fourth Estate Award
By: John P. "Jake" Comer
(Massachusetts)
National Commander
To: Billy Cox
Florida Today

9:15 a.m. ADDRESS
Lt. Colonel Johnie Webb, Jr.
U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory

9:35 a.m. ADDRESS — "Nuclear Power Peace and Security in Today's World"
Dr. Edward Teller, *Physicist,*
Member, White House Science Council and Scientists and Engineers for Secure Energy

10:00 a.m. REPORT OF NATIONAL SECURITY

11:00 a.m. ADDRESS

11:30 a.m. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE AND COLORS TO OUTGOING NATIONAL COMMANDER
By: William J. Rogers (Plaque)
Past National Commander
By: John J. Wrenn (Colors)

12:00 noon SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS
National Commander

Administering the Oath of Office to the National Commander

Acceptance Speech by Newly Elected National Commander

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS
Five (5) National Vice Commanders

1:00 p.m. PRESENTATION OF COLORS TO NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER
By:

Response by Newly Elected National Commander

PRESENTATION Of Newly Elected National President of the American Legion Auxiliary

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BENEDICTION

RETIREMENT OF COLORS

FINAL ADJOURNMENT

Welcome
Baseball Fans
to the
64th Annual
American Legion
World Series Baseball

August 23-27, 1989

Silver Stadium

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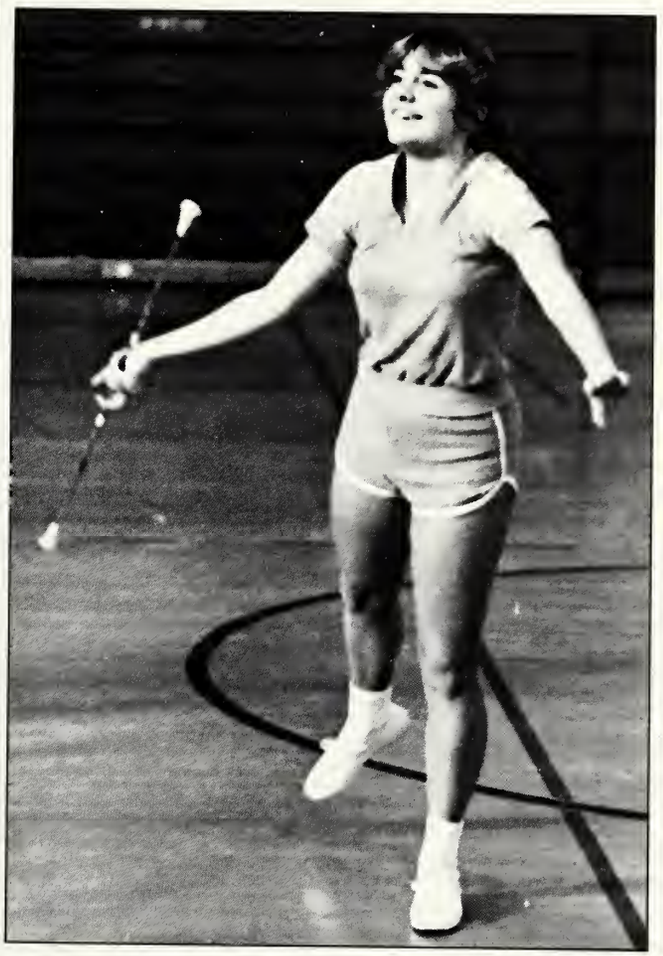

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Louisville, KY 40202
502-585-3200
(Duane Bokemper - Adjutant)

NEVADA
Holiday Inn South/Airport
3317 Fern Valley Rd.
Louisville, KY 40213
502-964-3311
(Louis S. Pardy - Adjutant)

NEW HAMPSHIRE
The Brown Hotel
Fourth and Broadway
Louisville, KY 40202
502-583-1234
(Herbert J. Geary, Jr. - Adjutant)

NEW JERSEY
Days Inn
101 E. Jefferson St.
Louisville, KY 40202
502-585-2200
(James E. Demarest - Adjutant)

NEW MEXICO
Holiday Inn South/Airport
3317 Fern Valley Rd.
Louisville, KY 40213
502-964-3311
(L.A. "Tony" Santillanes - Adjutant)

NEW YORK
Executive Inn
978 Phillips Lane
Louisville, KY 40213
502-367-6161
(Richard M. Pedro - Adjutant)

NORTH CAROLINA
The Brown Hotel
Fourth and Broadway
Louisville, KY 40202
502-583-1234
(C. Keith Sink - Adjutant)

NORTH DAKOTA
The Galt House
Fourth at River
Louisville, KY 40202
502-589-5200
(Vernon Useldinger - Adjutant)

OHIO
Hyatt Regency Louisville
320 W. Jefferson St.
Louisville, KY 40202
502-587-3434
(J.P. Hone - Adjutant)

OKLAHOMA
Sheraton Lakeview Hotel
505 Marriott Drive
Clarksville, IN 47130
812-283-4411
(C.J. Wright, Jr. - Adjutant)

OREGON
The Brown Hotel
Fourth and Broadway
Louisville, KY 40202
502-583-1234
(Barry J. Snyder - Adjutant)

PANAMA CANAL
The Galt House East
Fourth at River
Louisville, KY 40202
502-589-3300
(William J. Clifford - Adjutant)

PENNSYLVANIA
Executive West Hotel
830 Phillips Lane
Louisville, KY 40209
502-367-2251
(Edward T. Hoak - Adjutant)

PUERTO RICO
The Galt House East
Fourth at River
Louisville, KY 40202
502-589-3300
(Eduardo Figueroa - Adjutant)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
The Galt House East
Fourth at River
Louisville, KY 40202
502-589-3300
(Jose M. Linsao - Adjutant)

RHODE ISLAND
Holiday Inn Downtown
120 West Broadway
Louisville, KY 40202
502-582-2241
(N. Pio Stizza - Adjutant)

SOUTH CAROLINA
The Seelbach Hotel
500 Fourth Ave.
Louisville, KY 40202
502-585-3200
(Bernard L. Black - Adjutant)

SOUTH DAKOTA
The Brown Hotel
Fourth and Broadway
Louisville, KY 40202
502-583-1234
(Maynard L. "Buster" Hemp - Adjutant)

TENNESSEE
Holiday Inn South/Airport
3317 Fern Valley Rd.
Louisville, KY 40213
502-964-3311
(C.G. "Charley" Norton - Adjutant)

TEXAS
Executive West Hotel
830 Phillips Lane
Louisville, KY 40209
502-367-2251
(Jimmy D. Lemley - Adjutant)

UTAH
The Brown Hotel
Fourth and Broadway
Louisville, KY 40202
502-583-1234
(Dean C. Hall - Adjutant)

VERMONT
The Brown Hotel
Fourth and Broadway
Louisville, KY 40202
502-583-1234
(Charles L. Potts - Adjutant)

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Louisville, KY 40213
502-964-3311
(Dallas Vaughan - Adjutant)

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830 Phillips Lane
Louisville, KY 40209
502-367-2251
(Robert E. Vass, Sr. - Adjutant)

WISCONSIN
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Louisville, KY 40202
502-589-5200
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1988 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

SEPTEMBER 16-18, 1988
REGION 1

Burlington, Vermont — (Host Department), Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Maine and Massachusetts. **Radisson Hotel;** Single or Double $68. Cut-off date for reservations is August 18. Telephone (800) 228-9822. or (802) 658-6500.

SEPTEMBER 16-18, 1988
REGION 8

Pasco, Washington — (Host Department), Montana, Idaho, Alaska, Wyoming and Oregon. **Red Lion Motor Inn;** Single or Double $52. Cut-off date for reservations is August 26. Telephone (800) 547-8010 or (509) 547-0701.

SEPTEMBER 23-25, 1988
REGION 2

Linthicum, Maryland — (Host Department), District of Columbia, Virginia, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Delaware. **Mariott Hotel;** Single or Double $55. Cut-off date for reservations in August 26. Telephone (301) 850-0040.

SEPTEMBER 23-25, 1988
REGION 6

Sioux Falls, South Dakota — (Host Department), Minnesota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa. **Howard Johnson;** Single $38, Double $44. Cut-off date for reservations is September 9. Telephone (800) 654-2000 or (605) 336-9000.

SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 2, 1988
REGION 3

Savannah, Georgia — (Host Department), Tennessee, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama and Kentucky. **DeSoto Hilton;** Single or Double $65. Cut-off date for reservations is September 9. Telephone (912) 232-9000.

SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 2, 1988
REGION 5

Columbus, Ohio — (Host Department), Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, and Wisconsin. **University Inn;** Single or Double $49. Cut-off date for reservations is September 8. Telephone (800) 262-7468 or (614) 267-7461. In Ohio call (800) 282-3626.

OCTOBER 21-23, 1988
REGION 4

Little Rock, Arkansas — (Host Department), Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas. **Excelsior Hotel;** Single or Double $54. Cut-off date for reservations is September 21. Telephone (800) 334-6680.

OCTOBER 21-23, 1988
REGION 7

Las Vegas, Nevada — (Host Department), California, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Hawaii and Utah. **Showboat;** Single or Double $42. Cut-off date for reservations is September 21. Telephone (800) 826-2800 or (702) 385-9123.

The American Legion 70th National Convention
Meeting Room Assignments
Standing Commissions and Committees

Americanism Commission:
September 3, 9:00 a.m.
Room 108 — Lower Level
Commonwealth Convention Center
Chairman: Robert S. Turner

Americanism Screening Committee:
September 2, 9:00 a.m.
Room 110 — Lower Level
Commonwealth Convention Center

Commission on Children & Youth:
September 3, 9:00 a.m.
Room 107 — Lower Level
Commonwealth Convention Center
Chairman: Eugene V. Lindquist

Constitution and By-Laws Committee:
September 3, 9:00 a.m.
Room 114 — Lower Level
Commonwealth Convention Center
Chairman: Francis L. Giordano

Convention Commission:
September 3, 9:00 a.m.
Room 115 — Lower Level
Commonwealth Convention Center
Chairman: James J. Charleston

Distinguished Guest Committee:
September 3, 9:00 a.m.
Room 210 — Upper Level
Commonwealth Convention Center
Chairman: Allen L. Titus

Economic Commission:
September 3, 9:00 a.m.
Room 105 — Lower Level
Commonwealth Convention Center
Chairman: Bruce Thiesen

Economic Screening Committee:
September 2, 9:00 a.m.
Room 111 — Lower Level
Commonwealth Convention Center

Emblem Committee:
September 3, 8:30 a.m.
Room 109 — Lower Level
Commonwealth Convention Center
Chairman: Frank Johnston

Finance Commission:
September 3, 8:30 a.m.
Kentucky Suite — Derby Room
Hyatt Regency Hotel — 2nd Floor
Chairman: George W. Boucek

American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee:
September 3, 9:00 a.m.
Park Suite — Seneca Room
Hyatt Regency Hotel — 2nd Floor
Chairman: Jerome P. Dobel, Jr.

Foreign Relations Commission:
Joint Meeting with National Security Commission
September 3, 9:00 a.m.
Room 207 & 208 — Upper Level
Commonwealth Convention Center
Chairman: William M. Detweiler

Internal Affairs Commission:
September 3, 9:00 a.m.
Room 103 — Lower Level
Commonwealth Convention Center
Chairman: Herman G. Harrington

Membership & Post Activities Committee:
September 3, 9:00 a.m.
Room 104 — Lower Level
Commonwealth Convention Center
Chairman: Dominic D. DiFrancesco

Legislative Commission:
September 3, 9:00 a.m.
Room 201 — Upper Level
Commonwealth Convention Center
Chairman: Gary W. Sammons

National Security Commission:
Joint Meeting with Foreign Relations Commission
September 3, 9:00 a.m.
Room 207 & 208 — Upper Level
Commonwealth Convention Center
Chairman: Roger A. Munson

Public Relations Commission:
September 3, 9:00 a.m.
Room 113 — Lower Level
Commonwealth Convention Center
Chairman: Douglas W. Henley

Resolutions Assignment Committee:
September 3, 9:00 a.m.
Churchill Downs Room
Hyatt Regency Hotel — 2nd Floor
Chairman: Alex M. Geiger

The American Legion Magazine Commission:
September 3, 9:00 a.m.
R. R. Donnelley and Sons
Danville, Kentucky
(Meeting off premises)
Chairman: Milford A. Forrester

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission:
September 3, 9:00 a.m.
Room 211 — Upper Level
Commonwealth Convention Center
Chairman: William F. Lenker

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Screen Committee:
September 2, 9:00 a.m.
Room 112 — Lower Level
Commonwealth Convention Center

Pre-National Executive Committee

September 5, 10:00 a.m.
Room 207 & 208 — Upper Level
Commonwealth Convention Center
Chairman: National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer
Quincy, Massachusetts

S.A.L. Meeting

17th Annual Sons of The American Legion Convention
(Executive Committee)
September 2, 6:00 p.m.
Grand Ballroom East
The Seelbach Hotel

17th Annual Sons of The American Legion Convention
(General Session)
September 3, 9:00 — 5:00
September 4, 8:00 — 2:00
Foyer and East Ballroom
The Seelbach Hotel

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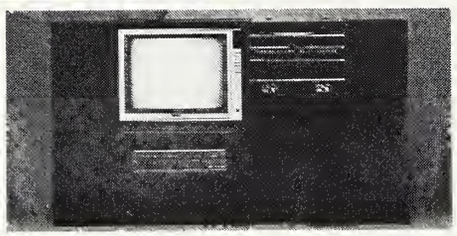

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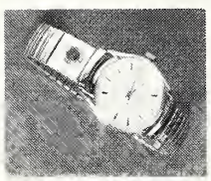

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MEMBERSHIP RING

NATIONAL "RECRUITER OF THE YEAR"

The individual certified with the highest number of New Members recruited from among all the Departments will be declared **"National Membership Recruiter of the Year."**

The award will consist of an **expense paid trip to the 1989 National Convention** in Baltimore, Md. The trip includes round trip air transportation, hotel accommodations for 6 days/5 nights, and a reserved seating ticket to the National Commander's Banquet for Distinguished Guests—all for the winner and spouse. The National Commander will present the award from the stage of the National Convention.

Awards will be presented to the next highest 26 individuals:

One Second Prize: Home Entertainment Center: Color TV, Stereo, VCR; **Ten** Third Prizes: Croton Quartz Wristwatches; **Fifteen** Fourth Prizes: Sterling Silver American Legion Membership Rings.

GOLD BRIGADE AWARD

NEW MEMBER RECRUITER AWARDS

A Legionnaire who recruits 50 or more **NEW** members by the 7th Target Date, May 2, 1989, will qualify for enrollment in the elite GOLD BRIGADE of The American Legion. These very special Legionnaires will be awarded a designer Gold Windbreaker and a designer Gold Star Cap Pin. In addition, every member of the Gold Brigade will be recognized by receipt of a special Gold Brigade Membership Certificate and patriotic cap, proving designated affiliation with the Gold Brigade of The American Legion comprised of all 58 Departments.

Members of the Gold Brigade will be automatically entered in a drawing for a brand new automobile to be awarded at the 1989 National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland.

Gold Brigade members receive:

- Special Pin
- Certificate
- Gold Brigade Patriotic Cap
- Windbreaker

DEPARTMENT "RECRUITER OF THE YEAR"

STATE OUTLINE TROPHY

Each American Legion Post will have the opportunity to submit the name of the Recruiter from that Post who has signed up the highest number of New Members for the 1989 membership year by the American Legion Birthday, March 17, 1989. National Headquarters will supply certification forms to be completed by the Post Commander or Adjutant and submitted to Department Headquarters by April 4, 1989. Department Adjutants will determine the Top New Member Recruiter for their respective Departments and certify the winner to National Headquarters, postmarked on or before May 2, 1989.

The Top New Member Recruiter, properly certified from each Department, will be awarded a **State Outline Trophy** with his/her accomplishment inscribed thereon.

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- Your passport to travel
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The American Legion
(Membership Application)

Date _____
Dues _____

Name _____ Post # _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Date of Birth _____

New Member [ ] Renewal [ ] Soc. Sec. No. _____ Sex ☐ M ☐ F

Blood Type _____ Can you Donate ☐ YES ☐ NO V.A. Claim Number _____

Character of Separation _____ Service Number _____

Date of Enlistment _____ Branch of Service _____

Date of Separation _____ Spouse's First Name _____

I do not subscribe to the principles of any group opposed to our form of government. I certify that I did not refuse on conscientious, political, or other grounds to subject myself to military discipline or unqualified service during the period I was in the Armed Forces of the United States.

_____ _____
Signature of Applicant Recruited By

Receipt of Dues

Post # _____

From _____

$ _____ for 19 _____
(Please Print)

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____

You are eligible because of your active service of at least one day during the following periods:

WW I—April 6, 1917—Nov. 11, 1918
WW II—Dec. 7, 1941—Dec. 31, 1946
Korean—June 25, 1950—Jan. 31, 1955
Vietnam—Dec. 22, 1961—May 7, 1975

Meetings of Convention Committees

The following Convention Committees will be composed of one delegate from each Department. Initial meetings of Convention Committees will be at the time and place as shown below. Subsequent meetings will be at the call of the chairman.

Meetings of Convention Committees normally will be closed to all except committee members.

Americanism ..... **Convention Center**
September 3, 9:00 a.m.
Room 108 — Lower Level

Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee
September 4, 9:00 a.m.
Room 114 — Lower Level

Counter-Subversive Activities Subcommittee
September 4, 9:00 a.m.
Room 108 — Lower Level

Youth Activities Subcommittee
September 4, 9:00 a.m.
Room 113 — Lower Level

Children & Youth ..... **Convention Center**
September 3, 9:00 a.m.
Room 107 — Lower Level

Constitutional Amendments ... **Convention Center**
September 4, 9:00 a.m.
Room 110 — Lower Level

Credentials and Internal Matters **Convention Center**
Sections I & II

Credentials and Other Internal Matters
September 4, 9:00 a.m.
Room 111 — Lower Level

Membership
Section III ..... **Convention Center**
September 4, 9:00 a.m.
Room 112 — Lower Level

Economic ..... **Convention Center**
Employment and Veterans Preference and Other Economic Matters
September 4, 9:00 a.m.
Room 210 — Upper Level

Emblem Committee ..... **Convention Center**
September 4, 9:00 a.m.
Room 109 — Lower Level

Finance ..... **Convention Center**
September 4, 9:00 a.m.
Room 104 — Lower Level

Foreign Relations ..... **Convention Center**
September 3, 9:00 a.m.
Room 207 & 208 — Upper Level
(All Subcommittee Rooms in Convention Center — Meetings at 9:15 a.m.)

Inter-American Affairs
Room 203 — Upper Level

Foreign Relations — Continued

European Affairs
Room 204 — Upper Level

African Affairs
Room 205 — Upper Level

Far Eastern Affairs
Room 206 — Upper Level

Middle Eastern Affairs
Room 212 — Upper Level

General Foreign Policy Meeting
Room 216 — Upper Level

Legislation & Rules ..... **Convention Center**
September 4, 10:00 a.m.
Room 213 — Upper Level

National Security Committee ... **Convention Center**
September 3, 1:00 p.m.
Rooms 207 & 208 — Upper Level
(All Subcommittee Rooms in Convention Center — Meetings at 1:30 p.m.)

Military Affairs Meeting
Room 207 — Upper Level

General Security Ad Hoc Subcommittee
Room 208 — Upper Level

Aerospace Committee
Room 214 — Upper Level

Defense Civil Preparedness Committee
Room 215 — Upper Level

Law and Order Committee
Room 218 — Upper Level

Merchant Marine Committee
Room 219 — Upper Level

Naval Affairs Committee
Room 217 — Upper Level

Resolution Assignment Committee .. **Hyatt Regency Hotel**
September 2, 9:00 a.m.
Churchill Downs Room

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation **Convention Center**
September 3, 9:00 a.m.
Room 211 — Upper Level

Claims & Ratings and Medical Services, Hospitals and Medical Services
(Joint Meeting)
September 4, 9:00 a.m.
Rooms 201 & 202 — Upper Level

James J. Charleston
Chairman

Dr. Stacey A. Garner
Vice Chairman

Ignace J. Deshotel

William F. Rochford

Leonard B. Zimmerman

Wendell G. Williams

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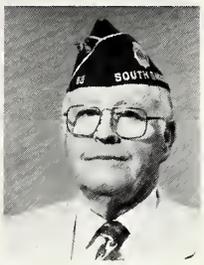

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Richard H. Klinge

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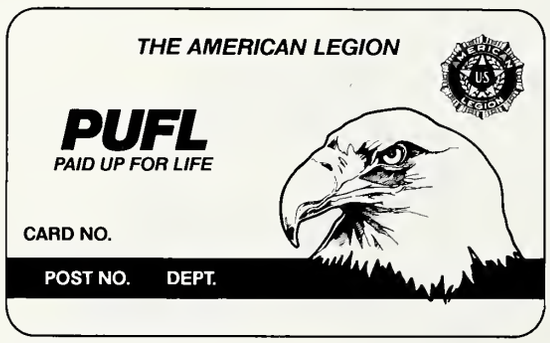

What if my Post's dues increase?

You're already covered. One of the best parts of a Paid-Up-For-Life Membership is that it automatically includes any dues increases. So, no matter what inflation does, you never have to pay another penny in dues.

Does Paid Up For Life mean my insurance is paid up too?

Yes. If you have American Legion Life Insurance, you won't ever have to be concerned about your insurance lapsing because you forget to pay your dues one year. You're paid up for life.

What about my subscription to The American Legion Magazine?

It's paid-up, too, and you'll continue to receive monthly issues for life.

How do people know I'm paid up for life?

Once the cost of your membership has been paid in full, you will receive a permanent plastic card identifying you as a Paid-Up-For-Life Member. You will also receive an annual membership card each year, at no additional cost.

Who is eligible?

Any member in good standing (with dues paid for the current calendar year).

How do I join the program?

You can purchase the program only through your Post. Just contact your Post Adjutant or Finance Officer.

How much will it cost me?

Your cost is based on two factors — your age and the amount of your Post's dues, at the time you purchase your Paid-Up-For-Life Membership. (You can use the rate schedule on the back of this brochure to determine your exact cost.)

Do I have to pay the full amount all at once?

No. You may take up to 12 months to pay. At least 10% of your total cost must accompany your application.

What kind of payment is accepted?

You may pay by check, Master Charge (Master Card) or VISA.

Where does my money go?

National Headquarters maintains a special Paid-Up-For-Life Membership trust. Money from this trust can be used only to pay annual dues each year to your Post, Department, and National Headquarters. The trust automatically covers any dues increases.

What if I want to transfer to another Post?

Usually, there's no problem. Paid-Up-For-Life Members may transfer from a Post in one participating Department to a participating Post in another Department. (Only a very few Departments do not have this plan available, and some Posts in those Departments accept transfers.)

Are there ever any refunds?

Refunds will be made ONLY if the member's Post Charter is cancelled and/or the member cannot complete a Paid-Up-For-Life transfer.

Is a Paid-Up-For-Life Member the same as a Life Member?

No. A Paid-Up-For-Life Membership is *purchased,* while a Life Membership is *honorary* and provided by the member's Post. A Post may, however, find purchasing Paid-Up-For-Life Memberships, on behalf of honorees, the most economical way to provide Life Memberships. This in no way affects the member's Honorary Life Membership status.

Show your commitment. Become a Paid-Up-For-Life Member now!

Reunions and Dinners

Twenty and Four

The Galt House
Bivouac — Sept. 1 — Collins & Governor Rooms
Sept. 2 — Governor Room
Banquet — Breathitt Room
September 2, 7:30 p.m.

Historians' and Founders'

Luncheon & Meeting
The Brown Hotel
Luncheon — Crystal Ballroom
September 3, 12:00 noon

Founders Meeting — Boardroom A
September 3, 1:00 p.m.
(Immediately following lunch)

Anavicus

Army, Navy and Air Force
Veterans in Canada

Hyatt Regency Louisville
Breakfast Mtg. — Regency Ballroom
September 4, 7:00 a.m.

National Organization of World War Nurses Reunion

The Galt House
Turf & Kent Rooms
September 4, 8:00 a.m.

National American Legion Press Association (NALPA)

Hyatt Regency Louisville
Breakfast — Seneca Room
September 4, 8:30 a.m.
Meeting — Park Suite
September 4, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Banquet — Regency Ballroom South A & B
September 5, 7:00 p.m.

FODPAL — Breakfast Meeting

Hyatt Regency Louisville
Regency Ballroom South A & B
September 5, 7:00 a.m.

Past Department Commanders Club

Hyatt Regency Louisville
Luncheon — Regency Ballroom
September 5, 12:15 p.m.

National Commander's Child Welfare Foundation Recognition Breakfast

Commonwealth Convention Center,
Rooms 209-210 Upper Level
7:00 to 8:30 a.m.
September 6, 1988

National Commander's Banquet for Distinguished Guests

The Galt House East
Grand Ballroom
September 6, 9:00 p.m.

American Legion Auxiliary

The Galt House East
States Dinner — Grand Ballroom
September 7, 7:30 p.m.

Eight and Forty

The Galt House
Installation Dinner — Archibald Room
September 10, 7:00 p.m.

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Friday, September 2 through
Wednesday, September 7

Both locations will have a wide selection of American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary merchandise, National Convention memorabilia and gifts.

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Standing Rules of the National Convention

The following are the Standing Rules of the National Convention as contained in the "UNIFORM CODE OF PROCEDURE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF NATIONAL CONVENTIONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION," authorized under Article V, Section 6, of the National Constitution of The American Legion.

STANDING RULES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

1. Robert's Revised Rules of Order shall be the authority on parliamentary procedure, with the following modifications:

2. A delegate desiring to make a motion or address the Convention, shall rise, address the Chair as "Mr. Commander" and state his name and the name of the Department before proceeding.

3. Debate shall be limited to five minutes for each speaker.

4. Debate on any one subject presented to the Convention shall be limited to two hours except under special rule as the Convention shall adopt prior to debate.

5. But two delegates from any one delegation shall be permitted the floor on any one question. Where disagreement exists within a delegation one delegate shall be permitted to speak on each side of the question. Upon a division of the question, however, this rule shall be applied separately for each division.

6. The floor shall be permitted but once to any individual delegate on any one question, except by a two-thirds vote of the Convention. Chairmen of Convention Committees may speak as frequently as may be necessary in connection with the reports of their committees. The Presiding Officer shall not entertain any motion which will curtail further debate without affording the Committee Chairman an opportunity for rebuttal.

7. Decisions on Rules of Debate or parliamentary order by the Presiding Officer may be subject to appeal by any two delegates under a Point of Order. Such appeal shall take precedence over any pending questions and shall be decided forthwith. An appeal from the decision of the Chair shall be put to the Convention on the question: "Shall the Chair be sustained?"

8. When the poll of any Department Delegation is demanded by a delegate of such Department, the Convention Secretary shall poll the vote without discussion of the question being voted upon.

9. On the Roll Calls, the delegation Chairman shall poll his delegation on the floor and announce its vote.

10. In the event a delegation secretary is not an accredited delegate or alternate, he shall be seated with his delegation.

11. Past National Commanders' votes shall be cast with their delegations.

12. Only accredited delegates or their alternates, shall participate, directly or indirectly, in a viva voce vote on any subject before the Convention.

13. Department delegations may arrive at a vote in such manner as they choose, but shall announce it in terms of full units and not in terms of a fractional part of a vote. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from his Department.

14. There shall be no unit rule of voting.

15. Voting shall be by acclamation, except when a Roll Call is demanded by the Chairman of at least three Departments. Election of National officers shall be by roll call.

16. In the event a Department has not provided the method by which alternates shall be designated to serve in the place of absent delegates, the Chairman of the delegation shall make such designation.

17. Prior to the election of National Officers, the National Commander shall appoint, subject to approval of the Convention, a Judge of Election and such number of tellers as he deems necessary, provided that the total tellers so appointed shall be an odd number. In a contested election each candidate going to the ballot shall be entitled to one teller of his choice.

18. Nominations for National Officers shall be from the floor on Roll Call of the Departments alphabetically arranged. Each Department may present as many candidates as it chooses.

19. Nominating speeches for National Officers shall be limited to five minutes each. Not more than two seconding speeches shall be made for any candidate, and said speeches shall be limited to three minutes.

20. When more than two candidates are nominated for any office, balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes of the Convention, except in the election of National Vice Commanders.

21. In a contested election for National Vice Commanders, balloting shall continue until (a) majorities and (b) pluralities are established for one or more candidates under the following provisions:

    If, on any ballot taken, less than five candidates receive the necessary majority to elect, the candidate or candidates receiving a majority vote shall be declared elected and a new ballot shall be taken for the remaining number of places to be filled. The candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on the preceding ballot shall be disqualified; except should two candidates remain to fill one place, a new ballot shall be taken.

22. The Convention will nominate and elect a National Commander, and five National Vice Commanders, in this sequence.

23. At the conclusion of balloting on National Vice Commanders, each Department Delegation Chairman shall deliver a written ballot to the tellers. Such ballots shall be in the hands of the tellers before communication is made to the National Commander for announcement of the results.

24. Those recognized by the National Commander shall be entitled to a respectful hearing, and the Chair shall have the authority to clear the gallery or the floor or have the Sergeant-at-Arms escort from the Convention any one creating a disturbance or interfering with orderly procedure.

25. None of the above rules shall be construed as preventing an alternate delegate from serving on a Convention committee.

26. The consent of two-thirds of the voting strength of the Convention is necessary for suspension of the standing rules of the Convention.

27. Any amendment to any resolution or report originating on the floor shall be presented in writing and transmitted to the Presiding Officer at the time of the introduction of such amendment.

28. Special rules applying to specific issues or order of business, shall be written and presented to the Convention by the Legislation and Rules Committee for adoption by majority vote at least one hour before such issue, or order, is to be considered unless such rule is agreed to by unanimous consent of the final session.

    Special rules shall prevail only in the Convention adopting them.

    Any delegate may apply for a special rule to the Legislation and Rules Committee or may appeal to the Convention for such special rule provided the rule be presented in writing, be read once from the platform, and shall lay upon the table at least one hour before the vote thereon is taken.

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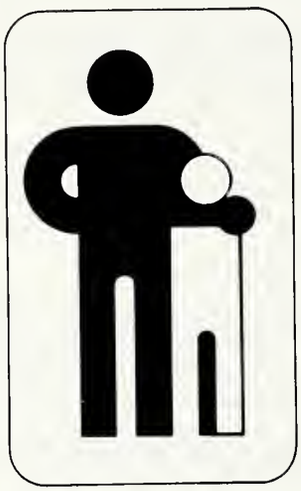

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HOURS:

Saturday, September 2, 1988

Convention Center Main Lobby — 9:00-1:30

Wednesday, September 7, 1988

Convention Center Main Exhibit Hall — 8:30-12:30

Patriotic Religious Service

Grand Ballroom
Galt House — East

Sunday, September 4, 1988 — 11:00 a.m.

Musical Prelude
Sidney Singing Soldiers
Sidney Post #217, Ohio

Welcome
Lee A. Hardy (MN),
Staff Liaison to the
National Chaplain

Presentation of Colors (Audience Standing)
Highland Guard
Highland Post #201, Kentucky

Invocation (Audience Standing)
Rev. Father John D. Kempf (OH),
Past *National Chaplain,*
The American Legion

Pledge of Allegiance (Audience Standing)

Call to Worship
Archbishop William F. Forbes (TN),
National Chaplain,
Sons of The American Legion

Musical Selection
Sidney Singing Soldiers

Reading of the Holy Scriptures
Scripture: Proverbs 3:21-27
William D. Chester (KY),
Department Chaplain,
The American Legion
Scripture: Philippians 4:4-9
Fran Ballard (KY),
Department Chaplain
American Legion Auxiliary
Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17
Rev. Gordon L. Patterson (NE),
Past National Chaplain,
The American Legion

Hymn (Audience Standing)
"Amazing Grace"

Memorial Prayer
Mrs. John W. Boam, (WY),
National Chaplain
American Legion Auxiliary

Musical Selection
"The Lord's Prayer"
Mary Jane Scharre, *Soloist*

Memorial Message
Reverend Jerry Salveson (ND),
National Chaplain
The American Legion

Hymn (Audience Standing)
"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Placing of Memorial Wreaths
(Audience Standing)

John P. (Jake) Comer (MA), *National Commander*
Robert W. Spanogle (MI), *National Adjutant*
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Mrs. H. B. Behrend (WI), *National President*
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Eight and Forty

Larry L. League (MD), *National Commander*
Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (TX), *National Adjutant*
Sons of the American Legion

Moment of Meditation (Audience Standing)

Taps (Audience Standing)
Richard Adams, *Bugler*
Robert Atwell, *Echo*

All Sing
"God Bless America"

Benediction (Audience Standing)
Rev. Jerome Fortenberry (MO),
Past National Chaplain,
The American Legion

Retirement of Colors (Audience Standing)
Highland Guard

The American Legion 1919-1987

Past National Commanders

*Franklin D'Olier
Pennsylvania 1919-20

**Frederick W. Galbraith, Jr.
Ohio 1920-21

***John G. Emery
Michigan 1921

*Hanford MacNider
Iowa 1921-22

*Alvin M. Owsley
Texas 1922-23

*John R. Quinn
California 1923-24

*James A. Drain
District of Columbia 1924-25

*John R. McQuigg
Ohio 1925-26

*Howard P. Savage
Illinois 1926-27

*Edward E. Spafford
New York 1927-28

*Paul V. McNutt
Indiana 1928-29

*O. Lee Bodenhamer
Arkansas 1929-30

*Ralph T. O'Neil
Kansas 1930-31

*Henry L. Stevens, Jr.
North Carolina 1931-32

*Louis Johnson
West Virginia 1932-33

*Edward A. Hayes
Illinois 1933-34

*Frank N. Belgrano, Jr.
California 1934-35

*Ray Murphy
Iowa 1935-36

*Harry W. Colmery
Kansas 1936-37

*Daniel J. Doherty
Massachusetts 1937-38

*Stephen F. Chadwick
Washington 1938-39

*Raymond J. Kelly
Michigan 1939-40

*Milo J. Warner
Ohio 1940-41

*Lynn U. Stambaugh
North Dakota 1941-42

*Roane Waring
Tennessee 1942-43

*Warren H. Atherton
California 1943-44

*Edward N. Scheiberling
New York 1944-45

*John Stelle
Illinois 1945-46

*Paul H. Griffith
Pennsylvania 1946-47

*James F. O'Neil
New Hampshire 1947-48

*Perry Brown
Texas 1948-49

George N. Craig
Indiana 1949-50

Erle Cocke, Jr.
Georgia 1950-51

*Donald R. Wilson
West Virginia 1951-52

*Lewis K. Gough
California 1952-53

*Arthur J. Connell
Connecticut 1953-54

*Seaborn P. Collins
New Mexico 1954-55

J. Addington Wagner
Michigan 1955-56

*Dan Daniel
Virginia 1956-57

John S. Gleason, Jr.
Illinois 1957-58

Preston J. Moore
Oklahoma 1958-59

Martin B. McKneally
New York 1959-60

William R. Burke
California 1960-61

Charles L. Bacon
Missouri 1961-62

*James E. Powers
Georgia 1962-63

Daniel F. Foley
Minnesota 1963-64

Donald E. Johnson
Iowa 1964-65

L. Eldon James
Virginia 1965-66

John E. Davis
North Dakota 1966-67

William E. Galbraith
Nebraska 1967-68

*William C. Doyle
New Jersey 1968-69

J. Milton Patrick
Oklahoma 1969-70

Alfred P. Chamie
California 1970-71

John H. Geiger
Illinois 1971-72

Joe L. Matthews
Texas 1972-73

Robert E. L. Eaton
Maryland 1973-74

James M. Wagonseller
Ohio 1974-75

Harry G. Wiles
Kansas 1975-76

William J. Rogers
Maine 1976-77

Robert Charles Smith
Louisiana 1977-78

John M. Carey
Michigan 1978-79

Frank I. Hamilton
Indiana 1979-80

Michael J. Kogutek
New York 1980-81

Jack W. Flynt
Texas 1981-82

Al Keller, Jr.
Illinois 1982-83

Keith Kreul
Wisconsin 1983-84

Clarence M. Bacon
Maryland 1984-85

Dale L. Renaud
Iowa 1985-86

James P. Dean
Mississippi 1986-87

Past National Commanders By Vote Of National Convention

*Bennett Champ Clark
Missouri—Presided at Paris caucus—March, 1919

*Milton J. Foreman
Illinois—Chairman, Executive Committee at Paris

*Henry D. Lindsley
Texas—Presided at St. Louis caucus—May 1919

*Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.
New York

*Eric Fisher Wood
Pennsylvania—Temporary Chairman and Secretary at Paris caucus

*Thomas W. Miller
Nevada—Chairman Pro Tempore
Paris Caucus March 1919

*Maurice Stember
New York

Hamilton Fish, Sr.
New York 1979

E. Roy Stone, Jr.
South Carolina 1987

Honorary National Commanders

*General John J. Pershing
*Marshal Ferdinand Foch

*Deceased

**Killed in auto accident while serving as Commander

***Elected by Executive Committee to fill unexpired term.

Recipients of The American Legion

Distinguished Service Medal

1921—Marshal Ferdinand Foch of France

Adm. Earl Beatty of Great Britain

Gen. Baron Jacques of Belgium

Gen. Armando Diaz of Italy

Charles Bertrand of France

1922—Gen. of the Armies John J. Pershing

1923—Adm. Robert E. Coontz

Gen. Josef Haller of Poland

1926—Ignace Jan Paderewski of Poland

1927—Comte Francois Marie Robert Dejean of France

1928—Field Marshal Viscount Allenby of Great Britain

1929—Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis

1930—Adm. William S. Sims

1942—Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur

1943—Gen. George C. Marshall

Adm. Ernest J. King

1944—Hon. Frank Knox*

Henry Ford

Gen. H.H. Arnold

1945—President Franklin D. Roosevelt*

1945—Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.*

Ernest (Ernie) Pyle*

Hon. Henry L. Stimson

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz

Gen. of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower

1946—J. Edgar Hoover

Bob Hope

William Randolph Hearst

1946—Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey

Hon. Cordell Hull

1947—Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen

Sen. Edward Martin

Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson

1949—President Harry S. Truman

George Herman (Babe) Ruth*

Maj. Gen. Frank Parker*

1950—Charles F. Johnson, Jr.

Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord

Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers

1951—Gen. Charles P. Summerall

1953—Rep. Royal C. Johnson*

1954—Maj. Gen. George A. White*

1955—Dr. Jonas E. Salk

Maj. Gen. Ellard A. Walsh

1956—Vice Adm. Joel T. Boone

Charles Stewart Mott

1957—Gen. Mark W. Clark

The Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen

1958—Bernard Mannes Baruch

Unknown Servicemen of World War I, World War II, and Korea, Interred at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery

1959—Sen. Robert S. Kerr

1961—President John F. Kennedy

1962—Gen. Lucius D. Clay

Dr. Thomas A. Dooley*

1963—Francis Cardinal Spellman

1964—Dr. Charles W. Mayo

1965—President Herbert C. Hoover*

Hon. James F. Byrnes

1966—Capt. Roger H. C. Donlon

1967—Hon. Tom C. Clark

1968—President Lyndon B. Johnson

Gen. William C. Westmoreland

1969—President Richard M. Nixon

1970—Rep. Olin E. Teague

1971—Rep. L. Mendel Rivers*

Sen. Richard B. Russell*

1972—Sen. John C. Stennis

Dewitt Wallace

1974—Hon. Henry A. Kissinger

Rep. F. Edward Hebert

1975—Harry W. Colmery

1976—Pat O'Brien

1977—Howard A. Rusk, M.D.

1978—Bowie K. Kuhn

1979—Thomas A. Murphy

1980—President Gerald R. Ford

Dead & Missing of the Vietnam War

1981—Americans Space Shuttle Astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen

1982—President Ronald W. Reagan

1983—Adm. Hyman C. Rickover

1984—Sen. J. Strom Thurmond

1985—Hon. Caspar W. Weinberger

Fleet Adm. William F. Halsey, Jr.*

1987—Hon. William H. Webster

*Awarded Posthumously

The American Legion and the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division

Service to America's veterans and their families has been the primary concern of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation program, since The American Legion's founding in 1919. Most familiar is the network of service officers that extends from the local post through the state level with Department Service Officers stationed in each of the 58 VA regional offices around the U.S., in Puerto Rico and the Philippines, to the staff of the Commission in the Washington Office of National Headquarters. These individuals stand ready to provide information and assistance in the development and presentation of claims for disability and death benefits, education and training, medical care, waiver of overpayments, and others. In addition, the Legion provides representation on appeals to the Board of Veterans Appeals, and in Non-VA claim for upgrade of discharge or correction of military records.

At the same time, Legion representatives in Washington are working with the Veterans Administration and the Congress to protect, defend, and where necessary to seek improvements in the various programs of veterans' benefits pursuant to the mandates approved by the National Convention and National Executive Committee. Much attention has been focused on the legislative process this year in the area of veterans' health and benefit issues. The importance of this activity was highlighted by the recent enactment of several major pieces of veterans' legislation containing over 70 separate changes and improvements such as compensation for certain disabilities incurred by radiation exposed veterans, expansion of beneficiary travel allowances, additional presumptive disabilites for POWs, service connection for lupus erythematosus, increases in the allowances for special adapted housing, automobiles for disabled veterans and service-connected burial. Also included are an exclusion of casualty loss reimbursement from income for pension purposes, expansion of the fee-basis medical care program to include nursing home care, authorization for care for certain service-connected veterans residing or sojourning overseas, an increase in the per diem rates for state veterans' homes, and a number of incentives for recruitment and retention of health-care professionals. These, together with the other provisions that were signed into law will have far reaching effects on the lives of veterans and their families. This legislation is the culmination of many years of Legion effort and addresses some 16 current mandates.

Additional legislation, calling for further improvements in a number of veterans benefits and services has been addressed by the Legion during Committee hearings, and is still pending Congressional action.

These measures are important to the continued well-being of veterans and The American Legion will continue to promote and facilitate their enactment. New mandates addressing these issues and others of concern will be considered by the Delegates to the 1988 National Convention in preparation for the first session of the 101st Congress.

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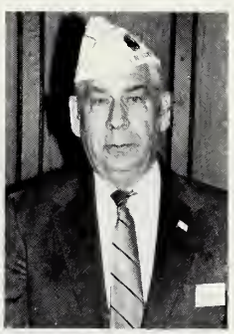

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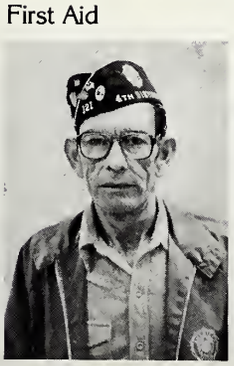

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1988

Convention Session — Archibald/Cochran Rooms
Headquarters Hotel — Galt House
Louisville, Kentucky

"Unity With Purpose"

Saturday, September 3, 1988
Pre-Convention Committee Meetings
8:30-11:00 a.m. (unless times noted below)

Group A	Americanism Foreign Relations Music National Security	Archibald Room Galt House, 3rd Floor
Group B	Children & Youth Liaison w/Child Welfare Foundation Education Girls State	Cochran Room Galt House, 3rd Floor
Group C	Junior Activities Auxiliary Emergency Fund Cavalcade of Memories Public Relations	Court Room Galt House, 2nd Floor
Group D	Legislative Past Presidents Parley Poppy Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation	Ford Room Galt House East 2nd Floor
Group E	Chaplains Community Service Historians Bicentennial to the Constitution	Nunn Room Galt House East 2nd Floor
Group F	Constitution & Bylaws Leadership Permanent Organization Rules	Breathitt Room Galt House East 2nd Floor
Group G	Membership	Chandler Room Galt House East, 2nd Floor
Group H	Credentials 8:30-9:00 a.m.	Collins Room Galt House East, 2nd Floor
	Department Secretaries Workshop 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Collins Room Galt House East, 2nd Floor
Group I	Resolutions 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Brown Room Galt House East, 2nd Floor
Group J	Finance	Water Poet Room Galt House, 3rd Floor

12 noon-12:30 p.m.	National Junior Registration	Registration Area Galt House East, 2nd Floor
12-30-3:00 p.m.	Get-Acquainted Reception Juniors - ONLY	Nunn Room Galt House East, 2nd Floor
2:00-4:00 p.m.	Pages Rehearsal	Archibald/Cochran Rooms Galt House, 3rd Floor
3:00-4:00 p.m.	National Junior Meeting	Breathitt Room Galt House East, 2nd Floor
4:00-5:00 p.m.	National Junior Divisional Caucuses	
	Central	Gothick Room Galt House, 1st Floor
	Eastern	Turf Room Galt House, 2nd Floor
	Northwestern	Kent Room Galt House, 2nd Floor
	Southern	Oak Room Galt House, 1st Floor
	Western	Mayor's Room Galt House, 2nd Floor
4:00-5:00 p.m.	Chorus Practice	Archibald Room Galt House East, 3rd Floor
7:00-9:00 p.m.	National Junior Meeting	Breathitt Room Galt House East, 2nd Floor

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7-9 p.m.	National President Candidate's Reception	Grand Ballroom, Galt House East

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7-9 p.m.	National Officers Candidates' Reception	Fountain Room, Galt House

Sunday, September 4, 1988

8:00-10:30 a.m.	DIVISIONAL CAUCUSES (Meeting with Reception)	
	Central Division	Archibald Room Galt House, 3rd Floor
	Eastern Division	Court/Dell Quay Rooms Galt House, 2nd Floor
	Northwestern Division	Nunn/Breathitt Rooms Galt House East, 2nd Floor
	Southern Division	Grand Ballroom D Galt House East, 2nd Floor
	Western Division	Combs/Chandler Rooms Galt House East, 2nd Floor
9:00-12 Noon	National Junior Meeting	Brown Room Galt House, 2nd Floor
10:30-12 Noon	Chorus Practice	Archibald Room Galt House, 3rd Floor

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PATRIOTIC MEMORIAL SERVICE

11 a.m.	Grand Ballroom	Galt House East, 2nd Floor

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National Convention Parade — 4 p.m.

Monday, September 5, 1988
Opening Session — 68th National Convention

8:10-8:30 a.m.	National American Legion Auxiliary Chorus Convention Organist — Marie Boedeker
CALL TO ORDER	Mrs. Mary Lou Chester *National Convention Chairman*
OPENING PROCESSIONAL	
INVOCATION	Mrs. Dorothy Boam *National Chaplain*
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Mrs. LaVon Schurman *National Americanism Chairman*
NATIONAL ANTHEM	
PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION	Mrs. Joan Graham *National Constitution & Bylaws Chairman*
WELCOME	Mrs. Pearl M. Behrend *National President*

INTRODUCTIONS AND GREETINGS

The American Legion	Mr. J. Leslie Brown, Jr., *President* The American Legion Convention Corporation of Kentucky
	Mr. John P. "Jake" Comer *National Commander*
	Mr. Robert Spanogle *National Adjutant*
State of Kentucky	The Honorable Wallace G. Wilkinson *Governor of Kentucky*
City of Louisville	The Honorable Jerry E. Abramson *Mayor of Louisville*
American Legion Auxiliary	Mrs. Velma Greenleaf *Department President of Kentucky*
	Mrs. Mary Lou Chester *National Convention Chairman*
	Ms. Nicole Paustian *Honorary National Junior President*

GREETINGS FROM THE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS
Mrs. Evelyn Starr, *Junior Past National President*

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S PAGES
Mrs. Reta Bohnsack, *National Chairman of Pages*
Mrs. Christine Christian, *National Vice Chairman of Pages*
Mrs. Bonnie Fuller, *Personal Page*
Mrs. Jermaine Engel, *Personal Page*
Mrs. Rosie Randall, *Personal Page*
Mrs. Linda Wilcox, *Personal Page*

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Credentials	Mrs. Betty von Reitzenstein
Permanent Organization	Mrs. Dottie Young
Rules	Mrs. Mary Wellman

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Girls State	Mrs. Syble Deshotel, *1988 Girls Nation President*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER — Mr. Ben Barkin
"Living for America...rather than Living in America"

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Recess - 1 p.m.

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The American Legion Festival — 3 p.m.

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Tuesday, September 6, 1988 - 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER — Mrs. Pearl M. Behrend, *National President*

INVOCATION — Mrs. Dorothy Boam, *National Chaplain*

NOMINATION OF 1988-1989 NATIONAL OFFICERS

REPORTS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

National Secretary	Mrs. Miriam Junge
National Treasurer	Mrs. Peggy Sappenfield
National Chaplain	Mrs. Dorothy Boam
National Historian	Mrs. Wilma Laraway

First Reading of Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism	Mrs. LaVon Schurman, *Chairman*
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	Mrs. Marg Dorn, *Chairman*
Cavalcade of Memories	Mrs. Maxine Chilton, *Chairman*
Children and Youth	Mrs. Ruby Paul, *Chairman*
Liaison w/Child Welfare Foundation	Mrs. Viola Moltzen, *Chairman*
Community Service	Mrs. Mildred Braquet, *Chairman*
Education	Mrs. Jeanette Ghetti, *Chairman*
Finance	Mrs. Anna Gear, *Chairman*
Foreign Relations	Mrs. Barbara Bickley, *Chairman*
Junior Activities	Mrs. Margaret Yankovich, *Chairman*
Leadership	Miss Rose Marie Loparco, *Chairman*

Recess — 11:30 a.m.

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PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON
Grand Ballroom, Galt House East
11:45 a.m.

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1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER — Mrs. Pearl M. Behrend, *National President*

GREETINGS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

National Security — Mrs. Helen Holcomb, *Chairman*

GUEST SPEAKERS

General Fred F. Woerner, *Commander in Chief*	United States Southern Command "Strategic Importance of Panama"
Lt. Col. Johnny Web, *Commander*	US Army Central identification Laboratory "Uncovering the Identity"

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative	Mrs. Patricia Wolverton, *Chairman*
Music	Mrs. Marie Boedeker, *Chairman*

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Recess — 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 7, 1988 - 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER	Mrs. Pearl M. Behrend, *National President*
INVOCATION	Mrs. Dorothy Boam, *National Chaplain*

ELECTION OF 1988-1989 NATIONAL OFFICERS

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REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT
Mrs. Pearl M. Behrend

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Relations	Miss Elizabeth Stewart

GOLDEN PRESS AND GOLDEN MIKE AWARDS

Bicentennial to the Constitution	Mrs. Alice Galka, *National Vice President*
Past Presidents Parley	Mrs. Norma Brown, *Chairman*
Poppy	Ms. Linda Boone, *Chairman*
Membership	Mrs. Pauline Bonham, *Chairman*
Constitution and Bylaws	Mrs. Joan Graham, *Chairman*
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation	Mrs. Betty Calder, *Chairman*

Recess — 11:30 a.m.

1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER	Mrs. Pearl M. Behrend, *National President*

INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL CONVENTION COMMITTEES

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE	Mrs. Viola Schwarz, *Chairman* Mrs. Helen Gardner, *Vice Chairman* Mrs. June Benishek, *Secretary*

RETIREMENT OF DEPARTMENT COLORS

Recess — 4 p.m.

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HEAD TABLE RECEPTION - 6:30-7:15 p.m.
Combs/Chandler Room, Galt House East, 2nd Floor

STATES DINNER - 7:30 p.m.
Grand Ballroom, Galt House East, 2nd Floor

Thursday, September 8, 1988

CALL TO ORDER — Mrs. Pearl M. Behrend, *National President*

INSTALLATION OF 1988-1989 NATIONAL OFFICERS

PRESENTATION OF COLORS TO RETIRING NATIONAL PRESIDENT

PRESENTATION OF PIN AND RIBBON TO RETIRING NATIONAL PRESIDENT

RETIREMENT OF NATIONAL COLORS

ADJOURNMENT OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

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POST-CONVENTION NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
(Immediately following Convention Adjournment)
Water Poet Room, Galt House, 3rd Floor

Office Assignments

National Secretary	Kings Head Room Galt House, 3rd Floor
National Treasurer	Queen Room Galt House, 3rd Floor
National Convention Chairman	Old River Room Galt House, 3rd Floor
Public Relations	Room 316 Galt House, 3rd Floor
First Aid	Room 318 Galt House, 3rd Floor
Lost & Found/Mail Room	Convention Registration Area (left side) Galt House, 3rd Floor

National Convention Committees

National Convention Chairman
Mary Lou Chester

National Convention Vice Chairman
Helen M. Rieger

National Convention Secretary
Fran Ballard

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Courtesies to Distinguished Guests
Mary Fenley, *Chairman*
Helen Wells, *Vice Chairman*

Distinguished Guests/Hospitality
Louise Kilkelly, *Chairman*
Evelene May, *Vice Chairman*

Divisional Caucuses
Marilyn Mantooth, *Chairman*
Suzanne Taylor, *Vice Chairman*

Exhibits/Displays
Mary Catherine Brumleve, *Chairman*
Dorothy Reinhardt, *Vice Chairman*

First Aid
Gertrude Gay, *Chairman*
Pauline Simpson, *Vice Chairman*

Flag Registration
Mildred Caviness, *Chairman*
Lena Brumleve, *Vice Chairman*

Flowers/Corsages
Carol Jean Thompson, *Chairman*
Geneviene Vetter, *Vice Chairman*

Halls/Stage
Jackie Richardson, *Chairman*
Riccai Priddy, *Vice Chairman*

Local Pages
Christine Christian, *Chairman*
Virginia Allison, *Vice Chairman*

Mail Room
Brenda Berry, *Chairman*
Myrtle George Collins, *Vice Chairman*

Lost and Found
Pearl Walters, *Chairman*
Christine Repak, *Vice Chairman*

National Luncheon
Janet Pickett, *Chairman*
Sandra Carmichael, *Vice Chairman*

Past Department Presidents' Luncheon
Mary Dettlinger, *Chairman*
Mrs. Pat Veith, *Vice Chairman*

Public Relations
Emma Lee Hottel, *Chairman*
Betty Brown, *Vice Chairman*

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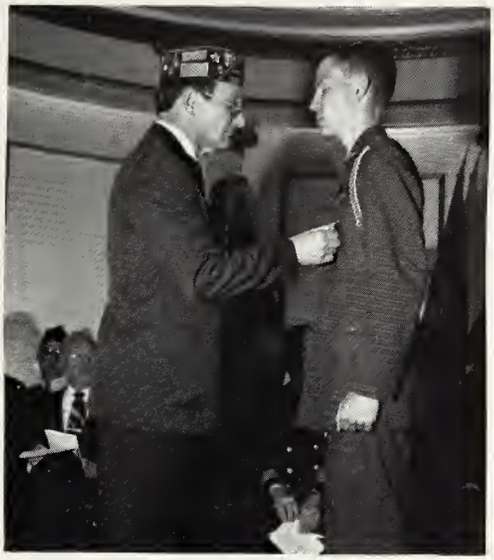

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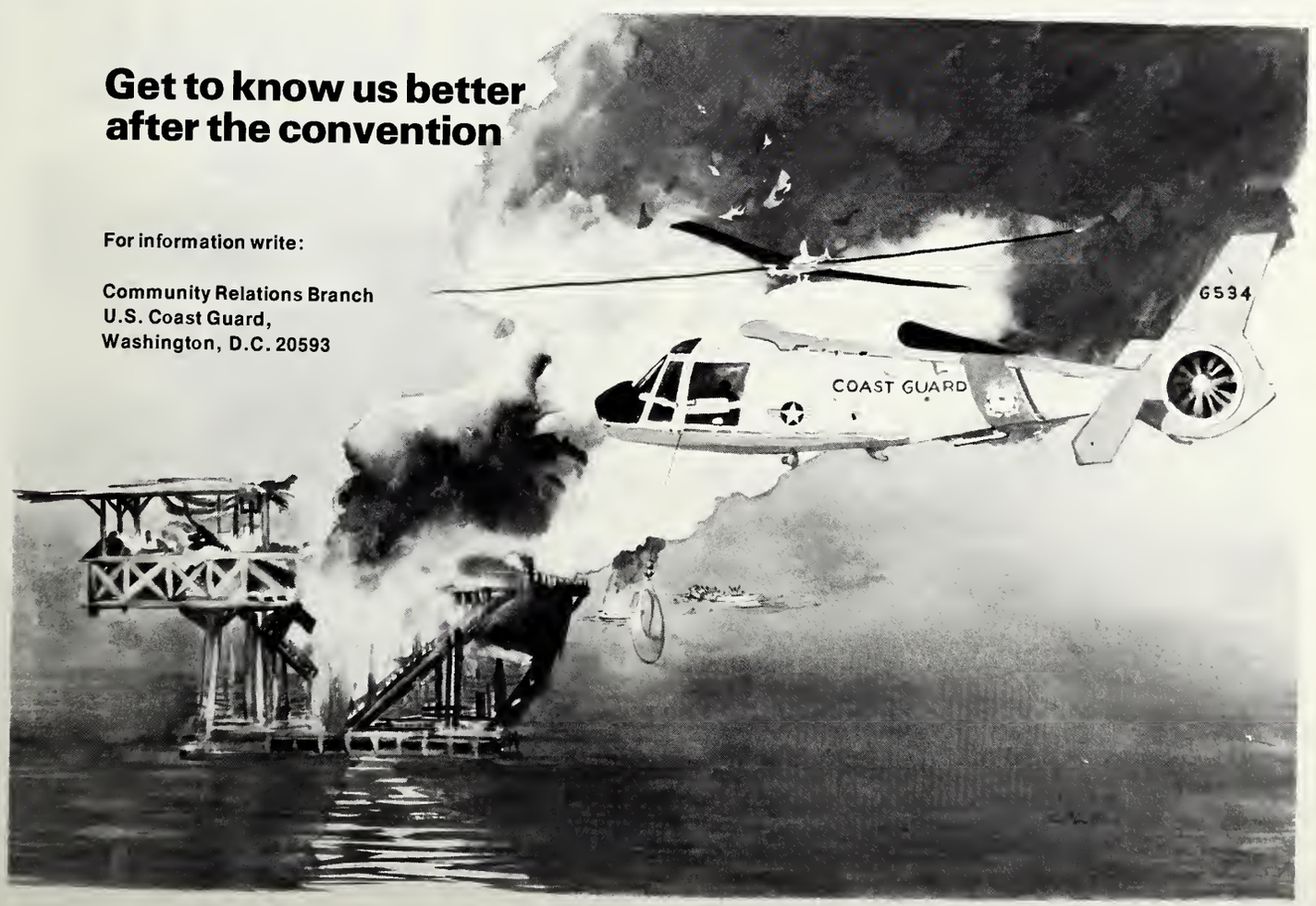

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September 8, 9, 10, 1988

Official Program
National Officers

Mrs. James C. Malone
La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale

Registration

Saturday, September 3, 1988	Mayor's Room	4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Monday, September 5, 1988	Mayor's Room	12 noon to 2:00 P.M.
		4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, September 6, 1988	Mayor's Room	12 noon to 2:00 P.M.
		4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, September 7, 1988	Mayor's Room	12 noon to 2:00 P.M.
		4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Thursday, September 8, 1988	Mayor's Room	12 noon to 1:00 P.M.

Guest registration will also be accepted during these hours

Thursday, September 8, 1988

PRE-MARCHE POUVOIR	Waterpoet Room	4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Pre-Marche Committee Meetings

WATERPOET ROOM	
Permanent Organization — Chairman, Mrs. Elaine Conner	2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
Children & Youth — Chairman, Mrs. Virginia Kates	2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
OLD RIVER ROOM	
Credentials — Chairman, Mrs. Lin LaMar	2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
Resolutions — Chairman, Mrs. Colleen Stephens	2:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Constitution & Bylaws — Chairman, Mrs. Lois Lansdale	3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
QUEENS ROOM	
Rituals & Emblems — Chairman, Mrs. Helen Peeples	2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
Rules & Order — Chairman, Mrs. Beryl Dixon	2:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Handbook Review — Chairman, Mrs. Eunice Staley	3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
ANCHOR ROOM	
Publicity — Chairman, Mrs. Andrea Mandt	2:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.
L'Aumonier — Mrs. Elsie Hemphill	2:45 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.
L'Archiviste — Mrs. Donna Baley	3:15 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
KINGS HEAD ROOM	
Nurses Scholarship — Chairman, Mrs. Venita Holthaus	2:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.
Trophies & Awards — Chairman, Mrs. Inice Bales	2:45 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.
Partnership — Chairman, Mrs. Mary Jane Cusick	3:15 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Display and Emblem Sales
Mayor's Room

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Rehearsal Les Marchals and Pages

Mrs. Dorothy Brady, La Concierge Nationale, Mrs. Martha Marsh, Chairman of Pages and Mrs. Irene King, Vice Chairman of Pages, Les Marchals, Distinguished Guest Committee and ALL PAGES will report for rehearsal on Thursday evening, September 8th, 1988 at 6 P.M. in the COCHRAN ROOM.

Meet the Candidates Reception

Thursday, September 8, 1988 ..... COURT/DELL QUAY ..... 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

Friday, September 9, 1988

DIVISIONAL CAUCUS BREAKFASTS — (Locations to be announced at La Marche) ..... 7:00 A.M.

La Marche Nationale
Cochran Room

OPENING SESSION ..... Friday, September 9, 1988 ..... 9:00 A.M.

LA MARCHE CHAIRMAN
PRESIDING ..... Mrs. Mae Wilson

PRESENTATION OF CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX PASSES

Mrs. Harry Kehm	Mrs. Sherman Lansdale
Mrs. Walter Davol	Mrs. Charles Smith
Mrs. Herman Edwards	Miss Julia Mullan
Mrs. Harvey Keefe	Mrs. Herman Reimink
Mrs. James Michelet	Mrs. Elmer Martin
Mrs. Joseph Voit	Mrs. Violet Aichholz
Mrs. James Gleason	Mrs. Harry Russell
Mrs. James DeForce	Mrs. Wm. Staley, Sr.
Miss Dorothy Dolle	Mrs. Chris Schweitzer
Mrs. Lucien Landry	Mrs. Joseph Mardu
Mrs. Michael Suvak	Mrs. Herbert P. Robinson
Mrs. Lawrence Hunt, Sr.	Mrs. Chester Hayes

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS —
ESCORTED BY LA MARCHE PAGES
Hat Box Editor ..... Mrs. Blanche Mack
L'Avocate Nationale ..... Mrs. Edwin H. Keefe
La Concierge Nationale ..... Mrs. Paul Brady
L'Archiviste Nationale ..... Mrs. Donna M. Baley
L'Aumonier Nationale ..... Mrs. Thornton Hemphill
La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale ... Mrs. James C. Malone
LES DIVISIONAL DEMI CHEAPEUX
Mrs. Virginia Shambo ..... Eastern Division
Mrs. E. Dale Montgomery ..... Central Division
Mrs. Melvin Snyder ..... Northwestern Division
Mrs. Walter Bonham ..... Southern Division
Mrs. A.P. Genta ..... Western Division
CALL TO ORDER ..... Mrs. Arthur V. Patterson, Jr.
Le Chapeau National

ADVANCE OF COLORS ..... Mrs. Paul Brady,
La Concierege Nationale, and
Les Marchals
INVOCATION ..... Mrs. Thornton Hemphill
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE
FLAG ..... Mrs. Paul Brady,
La Concierge Nationale
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM ..... Musiciene and Assembly
FLANDERS FIELD ..... Mrs. Walter Bonham,
Demi Chapeau Southern Division
AMERICA'S ANSWER ..... Mrs. E. Dale Montgomery,
Demi Chapeau Central Division
ROLL CALL ..... Mrs. James Malone,
La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale
READING OF THE CALL TO 1988 LA MARCHE
NATIONALE REPORT OF THE MINUTES COMMITTEE
FOR THE 1987 MARCHE NATIONALE ... Mrs. Ann Suvak
Mrs. Kathleen Robinson
Mrs. Violet Aichholz
PRESENTATION AND GREETINGS Mrs. Herman Reimink,
Distinguished Guest Chairman
Escorted by Chapeaux Nationaux Passes
Mr. John P. (Jake) Comer, *National Commander,* The American Legion
Mrs. H.B. Behrend, *National President,* The American Legion Auxiliary
Mrs. Ted Galka, *National Vice President,* The American Legion Auxiliary
Mrs. Melvin Junge, *National Secretary,* The American Legion Auxiliary
Mr. Robert Spanogle, *National Adjutant,* The American Legion

Mrs. Peggy Sappenfield, *National Treasurer,* The American Legion Auxiliary
Mrs. Richard Paul, *National Children & Youth Chairman,* The American Legion Auxiliary
Mr. Eugene V. Lindquist, *National Children & Youth Chairman,* The American Legion
Mrs. Mae Wilson, *National Chairman,* 1988 La Marche Nationale, Eight and Forty
Mrs. Mary Lou Chester, *National Convention Chairman,* The American Legion Auxiliary
The Honorable Wallace G. Wilkerson, *Governor* Commonwealth of Kentucky
The Honorable Jerry Abramson, *Mayor,* City of Louisville, Kentucky
Mr. Michael D. Leon, *Department Commander,* The American Legion, Department of Kentucky
Mrs. William Greenleaf, *Department President,* The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Kentucky
Mrs. Ruth M. Penny, *Le Chapeau* Departmental de Kentucky, Eight and Forty
Mr. J. Leslie Brown, Jr., *President* of 1988 National Convention Corporation

INTRODUCTION OF CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX PASSES . . . . . Mrs. Arthur V. Patterson, Jr. Le Chapeau National

SPEAKING FOR THE CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX PASSES . . . . . Mrs. Chester Hayes, Immediate Chapeau National Passe

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES
Rules and Order . . . . . Mrs. Beryl Dixon
Permanent Organization . . . . . Mrs. Elaine Conner

REPORT OF LES DIVISIONAL DEMI CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX AND INTRODUCTION OF LES CHAPEAUX DEPARTEMENTAUX
Mrs. Virginia Shambo . . . . Eastern Division Demi Chapeau
Mrs. E. Dale Montgomery Central Division Demi Chapeau
Mrs. Melvin Snyder. . Northwestern Division Demi Chapeau
Mrs. Walter Bonham . . . . Southern Division Demi Chapeau
Mrs. A.P. Genta. . . . . Western Division Demi Chapeau

REPORT OF THE 1987-1988 NATIONAL OFFICERS
Le Chapeau National . . . . . Mrs. Arthur V. Patterson, Jr.
Le Demi Chapeau National . . . . . Mrs. Donald P. Still
La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale . . . Mrs. James C. Malone
L'Archiviste Nationale . . . . . Mrs. Donna M. Baley
L'Aumonier Nationale . . . . . Mrs. Thornton Hemphill
La Concierge Nationale. . . . . Mrs. Paul Brady
L'Avocate Nationale . . . . . Mrs. Edwin H. Keefe
Hat Box Editor . . . . . Mrs. Blanche Mack
NOMINATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1988-1989
RECESS . . . . . 12:00 Noon

Second Session La Marche Nationale
Friday, September 9, 1988 — 1:30 P.M.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL . . . . . Assembly
PRESENTATION OF LOCAL MARCHE COMMITTEE . . . . . Mrs. Mae Wilson
REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND INTRODUCTION OF REGIONAL OR DIVISIONAL CHAIRMEN
Children and Youth . . . . . Mrs. Clarence Kates
National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine . . . . . Mrs. Jacobe Foreman, Liaison
GUEST SPEAKER . . . . . Mr. Doug Lasky, Eight and Forty Coordinator, National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine
Constitution & Bylaws . . . . . Mrs. Lois Lansdale, Chairman
Finance . . . . . Mrs. Chris Schweitzer, Chairman
Nurses Scholarship . . . . . Mrs. Venita A. Holthaus, Chairman
Partnership . . . . . Mrs. David Cusick, Chairman
Rituals & Emblems . . . . . Mrs. Helen M. Peeples, Chairman
Trophies & Awards . . . . . Mrs. Inice Bales, Chairman
Report of Advisory Committee . . . . . Mrs. Joseph Mardu, Vice Chairman
Report on Special Handbook Committee . . . . . Mrs. William Staley, Sr. Chairman
Report of Publicity Committee . . . . . Mrs. Andrea Mandt, Chairman
National Photo Book Committee . . . . . Mrs. Joseph Dellucky, Chairman
National Memory Book Committee . . . . . Mrs. Rose Mary Crabtree, Chairman
RECESS

Third Session of La Marche Nationale
Saturday, September 10, 1988 — 9:00 A.M.
Memorial Service

In Memoriam . . . . . Mrs. Thornton Hemphill, L'Aumonier Nationale, Presiding
Prelude . . . . . Mr. Doug Lasky, Musiciene
Processional . . . . . Les Chapeaux Nationaux Passes, Les Divisional Demi Chapeaux, Le Chapeau National
Prayer . . . . . Mrs. Thornton Hemphill, L'Aumonier Nationale
Solo *"In the Garden"* . . . . . Mrs. Andrew Fincham

Eulogy in memory of Mrs. Laura McKinley, Chapeau National Passe and Mrs. Harriet Stratton, Chapeau National Passe
Tribute To All Deceased Partners ..... Mrs. Arthur V. Patterson, Jr.
Le Chapeau National

Tribute To All Partners Entering Eternal Rest During 1987-1988
Eastern Division — Mrs. Virginia Shambo
Central Division — Mrs. Violet Montgomery
Southern Division — Mrs. Pauline Bonham
Western Division — Mrs. Nan Genta
Northwestern Division — Mrs. Betty Snyder
Response — Twenty-Third Psalm read responsively
Solo *"Let There Be Peace On Earth"* ..... Mrs. Andrew Fincham
Benediction ..... L'Aumonier Nationale
Recessional ..... Mr. Doug Lasky, Musiciene
(Audience remain in seats until after recessional)
REPORT OF SPECIAL MARCHE COMMITTEES
Credentials ..... Mrs. Lin LaMar, Chairman
Resolutions ..... Mrs. Colleen Stephens, Chairman
Eight and Forty Song ..... Assembly
ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1988-1989
PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUEST COMMITTEE
PRESENTATION OF LES MARCHALS ..... Mrs. Bonnie Norman, Alabama
Mrs. Edna FLorence, Illinois

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL PAGES

Martha Marsh, Chairman, Ohio
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Betty Lehman, Washington
Norma Shaw, Arizona
Margaret Teckenbrock, Colorado
Verda McKnight, Missouri
Betty Yewcic, Pennsylvania
Joan Ballinger, New Jersey
Frances Gapero, California
Leona Kidwell, West Virginia

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL PAGES
To Le Chapeau National Personal Pages ..... Lottie Wilson, Louisiana
Rita Perrin, Louisiana
Rose Mary Crabtree, Louisiana
Honorary ..... Mrs. Ethel Marsh, California and Mrs. Connie Brown, Louisiana
Presentation of Personal Page To La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale ..... Mrs. Andrew Fincham, Florida
RATIFICATION OF ELECTIONS OF LES DIVISIONAL DEMI CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX
INTRODUCTION OF LES DEMI CHAPEAUX AND PINNING BY
LE DEMI CHAPEAU NATIONAUX
REPORT OF JUDGE OF ELECTIONS ..... Mrs. Margaret Armstrong, California
PRESENTATION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 1987-1988
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
"Bless be the Tie that Binds" ..... Assembly
RECESS

Post Marche Pouvoir

Saturday September 10, 1988 immediately following close of morning session, in COCHRAN ROOM

School of Instructions ..... COCHRAN ROOM ..... 3:00 P.M.
Mrs. James Malone, La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale, Presiding

Installation Banquet

La Marche Banquet ..... Archibold Room ..... 7:00 P.M.
Processional of Guests ..... Mrs. Virginia Powers
Invocation ..... Mrs. Thornton Hemphill, L'Aumonier Nationale
Pledge of Allegiance ..... Mrs. Paul Brady, La Concierege Nationale
National Anthem ..... Assembly
Welcome ..... Mrs. Mae Wilson, National La Marche Chairman
Response ..... Mrs. Edith Still, Le Demi Chapeau National

ENTERTAINMENT

Installation of Officers 1988-1989 ..... Mrs. Sherman Lansdale, Chapeau National Passe
Presentation of Le Chapeau National Passe Pin..... Mrs. Edwin H. Keefe, Chapeau National Passe
Benediction..... Mrs. Michael Suvak, Chapeau National Passe

RETIREMENT OF COLORS

ADJOURNMENT OF LA MARCHE NATIONALE 1988

Special Marche Committees

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
Mrs. Herman Reimink, Chairman
Mrs. William Staley, Sr., Vice Chairman
Mrs. Michael Suvak
Mrs. Charles D. Smith
Mrs. Herbert Robinson
Miss Julia V. Mullan
Mrs. James Gleason
Mrs. Lawrence Hunt,
Mrs. Harvey Keefe
Mrs. Sherman Lansdale
Miss Dorothy Dolle
Mrs. Jean Hayes

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Mrs. Lin LaMar, Chairman, Louisiana
Mrs. Bernice Kovacik, Florida
Miss Helen McCormick, Louisiana

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Mrs. Rita Perrin, Louisiana
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Mrs. Rose Mary Crabtree, Louisiana
Mrs. Beverly Stites, Indiana

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Mrs. Norma Shaw, Arizona
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Mrs. Betty Yewcic, Pennsylvania
Mrs. Joan Ballinger, New Jersey
Mrs. Frances Gapero, California
Mrs. Leona Kidwell, West Virginia

PERSONAL PAGES TO
LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL
Mrs. Lottie Wilson, Louisiana
Mrs. Rita Perrin, Louisiana
Mrs. Rose Mary Crabtree, Louisiana

HONORARY PERSONAL
PAGES TO LE
CHAPEAU NATIONAL
Mrs. Ethel Marsh, California
Mrs. Connie Brown, Louisiana

PERSONAL PAGE TO LA
SECRETAIRE-CAISSIERE
NATIONALE
Mrs. Andrew Fincham, Florida

JUDGE OF ELECTIONS
Mrs. Margaret Armstrong, California

TELLERS
Mrs. Melinda Brimer, Arkansas
Mrs. VaJean Depew, Kansas
Mrs. Dorothy McLaughlin, Massachusetts
Mrs. Geneva Black, Utah

CANDIDATES RECEPTION
Mrs. Jean Hayes, Arkansas
Le Chapeau National Passe

LOCAL COMMITTEES

LA SECRETAIRE — Mrs. Nancy B. Adams

LA CAISSIERE — Mrs. Mary Finley

BANQUET CHAIRMAN — Mrs. Virginia Powers

DECORATIONS & FLOWERS — Mrs. Betty Brown

ENTERTAINMENT — Mrs. Carol Jean Thompson

DISPLAYS — Mrs. Harriett Judy

DIVISIONAL COORDINATORS

CENTRAL DIVISION — Mrs. Mary Lou Heiret

EASTERN DIVISION — Mrs. Mary Ellwood

NORTHWESTERN DIVISION — Mrs. Sally Jones

SOUTHERN DIVISION — Mrs. Mary Vincent

WESTERN DIVISION — Mrs. Elfriede Schmidt

AIDE TO NATIONAL CHAPEAU — Mrs. Frieda McLemore

AIDE TO L'AUMONIER NATIONALE — Mrs. Kitty Keller

CANDIDATES RECEPTION COORDINATOR — Mrs. Aline Alley

MUSICIENE — Mrs. Sophia Bridges

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National Adjutant

Agenda
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National Vice Commander (East)
..... Ernest J. Prior (RI)
National Vice Commander (South)
..... Ed Sheubrooks (FL)
National Vice Commander (Central)
..... Larry Paulus (IN)
National Vice Commander (Midwest)
..... Carl Griffee (KS)
National Vice Commander (West)
..... Kenneth E. Wyman (AZ)
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..... Richard McKenry (GA)
..... Peter Avina (CA)
..... Wendell D. Gordon (NM)
..... James Imbronyev (OH)
..... Tom Ward (NJ)
National Chaplain..... Archbishop William F. Forbes (TN)
National Historian ..... Thomas O'Brien (FL)
National Judge Advocate
..... Charles Yunker (KS)
National Sergeant-at-Arms
..... William J. Murphy III (MA)
National Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
..... Jack Czyryca (MD)
..... Gary Paulus (IN)
..... Lionel Sandoval (CO)
..... Jerry McCullough (TN)
National Commander's Aide:
..... Gary League (MD)

SESSIONS: All sessions, including those of the National Executive Committee, will be conducted in the Grand Ballroom at the Seelbach Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky.

REGISTRATION: National Convention Delegates and Alternate registration will be conducted in the Grand Ballroom at the Seelbach Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky

Friday, September 2, 1988

1:00 p.m. REGISTRATION of National Convention Delegates and Alternates begins.

7:00 p.m. N.E.C. MEETING (Pre-Convention Meeting)
Call to Order — Richard L. League (MD) National Commander
Hand Salute to Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation — Archbishop William F. Forbes (TN), National Chaplain
Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion
Roll Call — Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (CO), National Adjutant
Other Opening Business
REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES:
- Children & Youth
- Commander's Advisory
- Commander's Project
- Convention Committee
- Membership Committee
- SAL Color Guard

REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS:
- Americanism
- Community Affairs
- Finance
- Internal Affairs
- Legislative
- Public Relations
- Rehabilitation
- Children & Youth

Unfinished Business
New Business
Good of the S.A.L.
Benediction — Archbishop William F. Forbes (TN), National Chaplain

Saturday, September 3, 1988

8:00 a.m. DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE REGISTRATION OPENS

9:00 a.m. 17TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
Call to Order — Richard L. League (MD) National Commander

Salute to the Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation — Archbishop William F. Forbes (TN) National Chaplain
Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion
Roll Call — Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (CO), National Adjutant
Reading of Convention Call — Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (CO), National Adjutant
Opening Remarks — Richard L. League (MD) National Commander
Establishment of Convention Committees
Report of Credentials Committee
Report of Legislative & Rules Committee
Salute to the Colors
Recess

1:00 p.m. CALL TO ORDER — Richard L. League (MD) National Commander
Salute to the Colors
Roll Call — Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (CO), National Adjutant
(Note: during the Convention session, various addresses will be delivered)
REPORTS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS
Ernest J. Prior (RI), National Vice Commander (East)
Ed Sheubrooks (FL), National Vice Commander (South)
Larry Paulus (IN), National Vice Commander (Central)
Carl Griffee (KS), National Vice Commander (Midwest)
Kenneth E. Wyman (AZ), National Vice Commander (West)
REPORTS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEES
Credentials — Preliminary Report
Americanism
Constitutional Amendments
Finance
Internal Affairs
Legislative & Rules
Membership
Child Welfare Foundation
National Commander's Special Project
Rehabilitation
Presentation of National History Contest Awards — Thomas O'Brien (FL), National Historian
Report of Credentials Committee — Final Report for First Session
Presentations to National Commander
Salute to the Colors
Area Caucuses

Sunday, September 4, 1988

7:00 a.m. REGISTRATION OPENS

8:00 a.m. REGISTRATION CLOSES
CALL TO ORDER — Richard L. League (MD), National Commander
Salute to the Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation — Archbishop William F. Forbes (TN), National Chaplain
Roll Call — Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (CO), National Adjutant
National Convention Memorial Service — Archbishop William F. Forbes (TN), National Chaplain
Report of Credentials Committee — Final Report
Special Order of Business — Election of National Officers
— National Commander
— National Vice Commanders (5)
— National Chaplain
Installation of Newly Elected National Officers
Benediction — Archbishop William F. Forbes (TN), National Chaplain
Retirement of Colors
Final Adjournment — Richard L. League (MD), National Commander
N.E.C. Meeting — Post Convention Meeting (following conclusion of National Convention)
Call to Order — Newly Elected National Commander
Salute to the Colors
Invocation — Newly Elected National Chaplain
Roll Call — National Adjutant
Confirmation of Appointed National Officers
Appointment of Special NEC Committees
New Business
Unfinished Business
Benediction — Newly Elected National Chaplain
Adjournment — Newly Elected National Commander

2:00 p.m. PARADE

Past National Commanders

1968 ..... Michael Seaton (CA)
1969 ..... Robert McBride (OH)
1970 ..... J.R. Stillwell (IL)
1971 ..... J.R. Stillwell (IL)
1972 ..... John Smolinsky (MA)
1973 ..... Robert Faust (CA)
1974 ..... James Hartman (MD)
1975 ..... Gregory Reis (IL)
1976 ..... Grant Jamieson (MI)
1977 ..... Charles Gannon (MD)
1978 ..... John M. Sherrard (CA)
1979 ..... Richard Kepler (TN)
1980 ..... Ernest Wilson (NJ)
1981 ..... Donald Wilson (PA)
1982 ..... David P. Stephens (IN)
1983 ..... Christopher R. Cerullo (NY)
1984 ..... Fred Hartline (OH)
1985 ..... Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (CO)
1986 ..... Royce Doucet (LA)
1987 ..... Douglas Bible (MN)

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Youth Leaders Attend Convention

Oratorical

Dilip B. Paliath
Baltimore, Maryland
National Oratorical Contest

Baseball

Wilbur Stout, Jr.
Boyertown, Pennsylvania
Player of the Year

Boys Nation

David C. Nason
South Hamilton, Massachusetts
Boys Nation President

Scouts

Troy E. Eckhardt
DeLand, Florida
Scout of the Year

The American Legion National Emblem Sales

Legion Display
Convention Center

Main Lobby
Opening at 9 A.M. Daily
earlier during sessions

Friday, September 2 through
Thursday, September 8

Auxiliary Display
Galt House

Main Lobby
Opening at 9 A.M. Daily

Friday, September 2 through
Wednesday, September 7

Both locations will have a wide selection of American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary merchandise, National Convention memorabilia and gifts.

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Orders for UPS shipment may be made using the coupon in the back of this program. Fulfillment will depend on availability.

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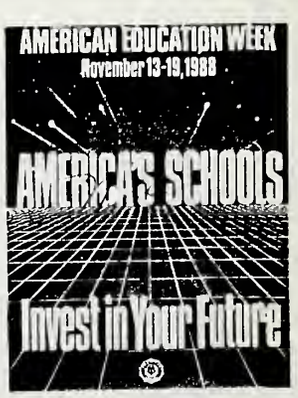

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November 13-19, 1988
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American Education Week materials for 1988, produced by the National Americanism Division, have been made available to your Department Adjutant. This year's material consists of a revised brochure. A camera ready "ad slick" will be printed in ALNS several times this fall.

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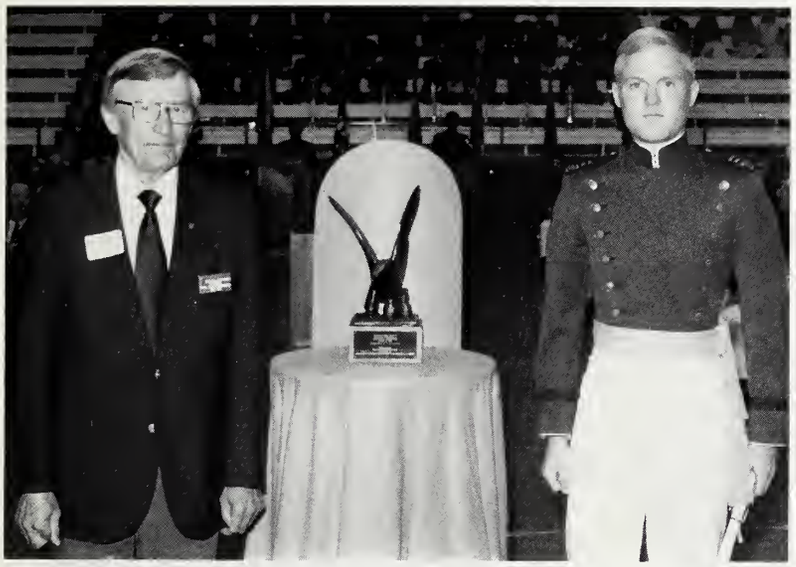
National School Boards Association
National School Public Relations Association
The National PTA
U.S. Department of Education

The American Legion Salutes Outstanding Students at Military Academies, 1988



As the graduating cadet who ranked the highest scholastically at the Air Force Academy, Ronald J. Simmons of Illinois receives The American Legion's General Muir S. Fairchild award, presented by National Vice Commander W.P. (Bill) Peterson of Montana.

At the U.S. Military Academy, Cadet Inku Hwang received The American Legion's award for outstanding achievement in chemistry. The award was presented by National Vice Commander Joe Frank, Jr., of Missouri.

The American Legion's award for excellence in athletics was presented to Jesse Karl Moore of Laramie, Wyoming, at the Coast Guard Academy by National Vice Commander Paul B. Phifer, Jr., of Virginia.

Graduating Midshipman William W. Burkhart of Mississippi who stood highest at the Naval Academy in political science courses with emphasis on international relations, receives The American Legion Award from National Vice Commander Neale V. Cabral of Connecticut.

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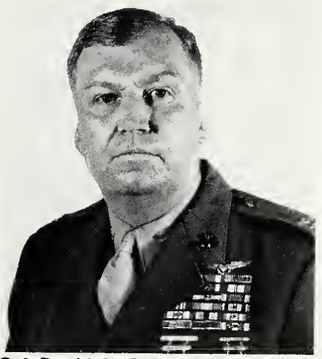


Col. David A. Jones
USMC

R. Adm. Larry B. Franklin
USNR

B. Gen. John L. Smith
KY ANG

R. Adm. William P. Leahy, Jr.
USCG

The American Legion National Convention Corporation of Kentucky, Inc. and The American Legion express thanks and appreciation to Major General Thomas H. Tait, Grand Marshal; the Parade Deputy Grand Marshals; the DOD Coordinator and the Project Officers for their cooperation and contributions toward the success of the 70th Annual National Convention of The American Legion.

Parade Information

The American Legion 70th National Convention
Louisville, Kentucky

DATE:
September 4, 1988

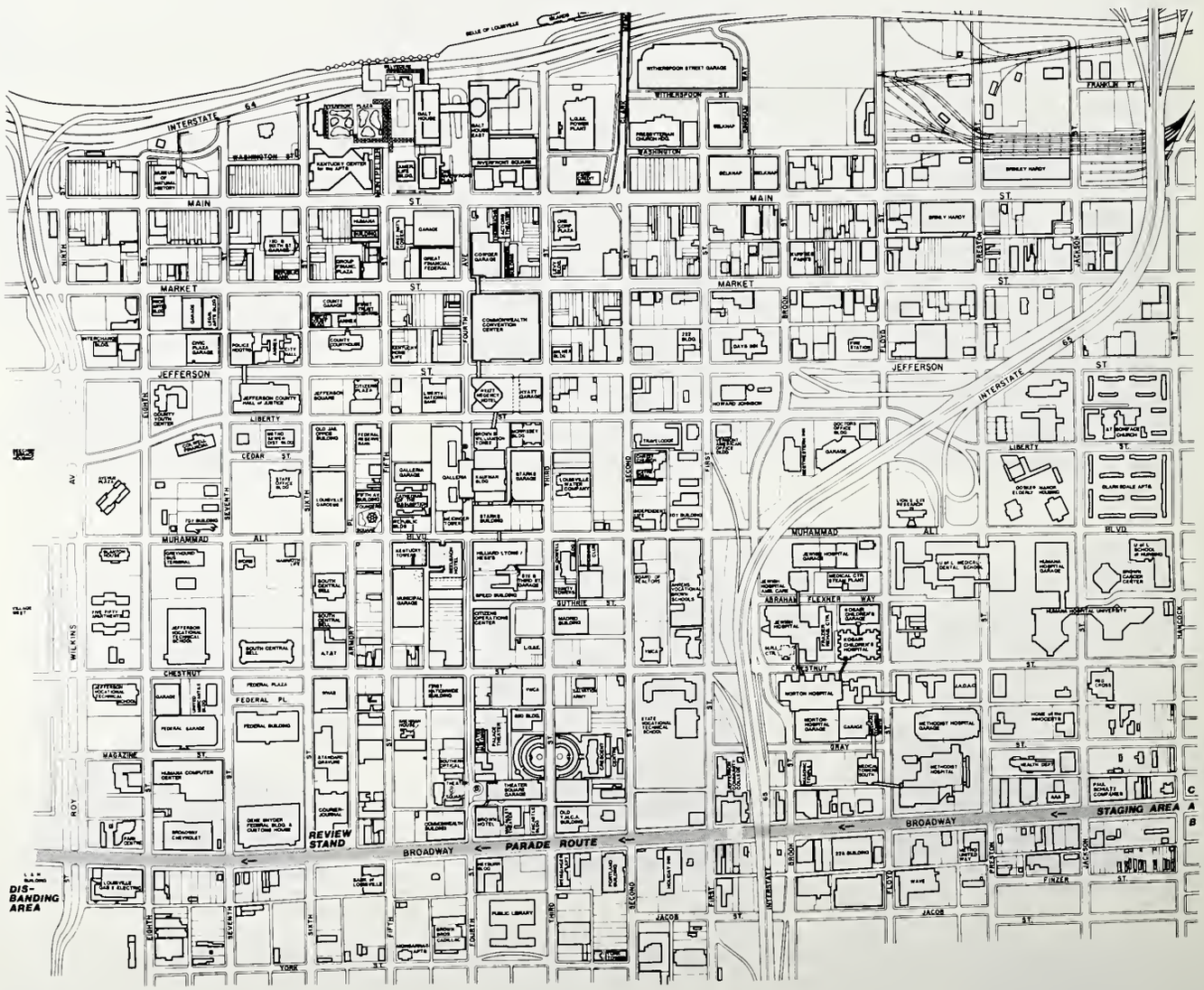
TIME:
2:00 P.M.

FORMATION AREA:
Broadway from Jackson back to Barret Avenue

ROUTE:
Beginning at Jackson Street, going west on Broadway to Ninth Street

REVIEWING STAND:
Sixth Street and Broadway

DISBANDING AREA:
Ninth Street from Broadway to Kentucky



Parade Order

The American Legion National Convention Parade

Sunday, September 4, 1988
2:00 P.M.

HONORARY MARSHAL
Mayor Jerry E. Abramson
City of Louisville
601 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

GRAND MARSHAL
Major General Thomas H. Tait
United States Army
Chief of Armor and Cavalry
Headquarters U.S. Army Armor Center
Office of the Public Affairs Officer
P.O. Box 995
Fort Knox, KY 50121-5000

HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL
James P. Dean
P.O. Box 1616
Corinth, MS 38834

DEPUTY GRAND MARSHALS

Major General Richard Chegar
United States Army Reserve
CG, 100th Div. (Training)
3590 Century Division Way
Louisville, Kentucky 40205

Brig. General Michael W. Davidson
The Adjutant General
Kentucky National Guard
Boone National Guard Center
Frankfort, KY 40601-6168

Col. David A. Jones
United States Marine Corps
District Director
4th Marine Corps District
Building 75, U.S. Naval Base
Philadelphia, PA 19112

Rear Admiral Larry B. Franklin
United States Naval Reserve
Franklin and Hance, P.S.C.
23rd Floor, First National Tower
Louisville, KY 40202

Brig. General John L. Smith
Kentucky Air National Guard
123rd TRW/CC
Standiford Field (Air National Guard)
Louisville, KY 40213

Rear Admiral William P. Leahy, Jr.
United States Coast Guard
Commander, Second Coast Guard District
1430 Olive Street
St. Louis, MO 63101-2378

PARADE CHAIRMAN
Merl Kiefer
2250 Richland Drive
Louisville, Kentucky 40218

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE COORDINATOR
Major Larry F. Icenogle
Public Affairs Officer
U.S. Army Armor Center
and Fort Knox
Fort Knox, Kentucky 50121-5000

Parade Order

The official parade of the 70th National Convention of The American Legion will be governed by instructions contained herein together with the Organization and March Timetable and Assembly and Disbanding Area Map, which are made a part hereof.

1. TIME: (All times in these orders are Eastern Daylight Time.)
   (A) The leading element of the parade will move from the "Initial Point," (Jackson and Broadway Streets) promptly at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 4, 1988, regardless of weather.
   (B) The time and place of assembly for each Department or element of the parade will be shown in detail on the Organization and March Timetable, a copy of which has been sent to each Department Parade Chariman. **A Meeting of all Department Parade Chairmen will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, September 3, 1988, in Room 210 of the Commonwealth Convention Center.**
   (C) A Parade Official will direct Departments and elements of the parade to their assigned assembly area. He will advise all bus drivers of the route to follow to the disbanding area.
   (D) Because of the nature of the assembly area, accurate logistics are essential. **Promptness in arrival at the assembly area is mandatory.**

2. ROUTE: Commencing at Jackson Street, going West on Broadway to Ninth Street.

3. ASSEMBLY AREA: Broadway from Jackson Street back to Barret Avenue
   (A) Recommended Walking Area — For those who will walk to the Assembly Area — Proceed east on Broadway to Jackson Street.
   (B) Additional instructions for each Department will be furnished by the Parade Committee at the meeting of the Department Parade Chairmen on Saturday, September 3.
   (C) FLOAT ASSEMBLY AREA WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

4. ORGANIZATION:
   (A) All elements have been assigned to Divisions, each under the direction of the Parade Officials. The composition of these divisions, order of march and time and place of assembly is shown on the Organization and March Timetables and Assembly and Disbanding Area Map supplied to the Department Parade Chairman.
   (B) All Department of Defense Units will be governed by applicable regulations.
   (C) Each Department Commander or appointed parade representative will be responsible for the order of march and promptness of arrival at the assembly area of all units of his department. All units will conform to the following distribution and formation:
      (1) MASSED COLORS: eight (8) abreast
      All American Flags, the Department and Post Colors of each Department and the Department and Unit Colors of each Department of the Auxiliary will be massed at the head of each Department Delegation in that order.
      (2) American Legion units within Departments will march in formation eight (8) abreast, one and one-half yards between ranks.
      (3) BANDS AND DRUM CORPS: As directed by Drum Majors, but not to exceed eight (8) abreast.
      (4) Authorized floats and automobiles in single column. No unauthorized floats or automobiles will be allowed to participate. **All vehicles participating in the parade must be equipped with identifying signs on sides thereof and must also carry an "OFFICIAL CAR" Sticker on the windshield.**
      (5) Absolutely NO Manuevers Except for a Forward Movement. Marching units, bands, Color Guards and Drill Teams must abide by this regulation.
   (D) DISTANCES:
      (1) Between Divisions ..... 30 yards
      (2) Between Departments ..... 20 yards
      (3) Between elements of a Department ..... 10 yards

5. DISBANDING AREA:
   Ninth Street from Broadway to Kentucky

6. OFFICIAL REVIEWING STAND
   The official Reviewing Stand will be located on the north side of Broadway between Sixth and Armory Streets.
   Elements will render a salute to the National Commander while passing the reviewing stand (eyes right).

7. ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE AND CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS
   (A) Pursuant to a resolution adopted at a meeting of the National Convention Commission at Miami Beach on March 12, 1970, there will be no participation of any vehicles, equipment or items of wearing apparel of the 40 et 8. This regulation will be enforced by the Parade Committee of the 1988 Convention Corporation.
   (B) With exception of police, military and naval escort, and distinguished guests, eligibility to participate in the parade is limited to the members of The American Legion and the uniformed bodies of The American Legion Auxiliary, subject to restriction of the following activities which shall be prohibited in the line of march:
      (1) The drinking of or simulated drinking of intoxicants
      (2) Participants under the influence of intoxicants.
      (3) Use of water pistols and electric shocking devices.
      (4) Female impersonators.
      (5) Firecrackers and any other explosives.
      (6) Any presentation or representation either immoral or in bad taste.
      (7) Distribution of souvenirs, promotional or advertising materials, either from floats or by marching units.
   (C) Violators of any of the above rules will be dismissed from the parade immediately.

8. FIRST AID STATIONS:
   First Aid Stations will be established in the assembly area and at intervals along the line of march.

9. PARKING OF CHARTERED OR POST BUSES:
   After unloading at the assigned area, buses will proceed to the assigned disbanding area. Parade Officials will direct marchers to their parked bus or buses. **(Personal belongings and all equipment must be removed from the buses when unloading at the assembly area.)**

March Order

ESCORT DIVISION

Assemble at Jackson and Broadway — Area A

Assemble at 1:15 p.m. — Departure at 2:00 p.m.

A. Louisville Police Escort
B. Louisville Fire Department
C. Jefferson County Sheriff Patrol
D. Honorary Marshal
E. Grand Marshal
F. Honorary Grand Marshal
G. Deputy Grand Marshals
H. United States Army
   U.S. Army Armor Center Color Guard — Fort Knox, KY
   113th U.S. Army Band, Fort Knox
   1st Armor Training Brigade, Fort Knox
      1st Battalion — 81st Armor
      2nd Battalion — 13th Armor
      3rd Battalion — 81st Armor
      4th Battalion — 13th Armor
      5th Squadron — 15th Cavalry
      6th Squadron — 16th Cavalry
   "Old Bill" — Mounted Cavalry Trooper
   Assorted Military Combat Vehicles
   Half-Track (WW II), Patton Museum
   Staff Car (WW II), Patton Museum
   M-1 Abrams Tank
   M-3 (Bradley) Cavalry Fighting Vehicle
   HMMWV (High Mobility Multi Purpose Wheeled Vehicle)
   101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Color Guard — Fort Campbell, KY
   100th Division (Training) (USAR) Color Guard, Louisville, KY
   100th Division (Training) Drill Sergeants
I. United States Marine Corps
   USMC Color Guard
   2nd Marine Division Band, Camp Lejeune, NC
J. United States Navy
   NJROTC Color Guard — Iroquois High School, Louisville, KY
   NJROTC Drill Team — Iroquois High School
   U.S. Navy Exhibit Float — USS Pegasus (PHM-1)
K. United States Air Force
   U.S. Air Force Color Guard
   "Band of the Midwest," Chanute AFB, IL
   RF-4 Fly-over, 165th TRS, (ANG) Standiford Field, Louisville, KY
L. United States Coast Guard
   USCG Color Guard
   USCG Ceremonial Honor Guard, Washington, D.C.

DIVISION I Assemble at Jackson and Broadway — Area B
Assemble at 1:45 p.m.

1. Stephen Sikora Post 1322 American Legion Band, Tonawanda, NY
2. Cheverly Troopers American Legion Post 108, Cheverly, MD
3. National Commander
4. National Officers
5. National President
6. National Secretary
7. Junior Auxiliary
8. Apollo High School Eagle Marching Band, Owensboro, KY
9. Past National Commanders
10. Society of The American Legion Founders
11. The American Legion Youth Award Winners
12. Sons of The American Legion
12A. John Ford Highland Pipe and Drum, Thoman Boothe Post 338, Overland, MO
13. Jefferson High School "Marching Chargers," Jeffersontown, KY
14. Foreign and Outlying Departments
    Canada
    France
    Hawaii
    Italy
    Mexico
    Panama Canal
    Philippines
    Puerto Rico
15. District of Columbia

ALL COLOR GUARDS WILL MARCH WITH THEIR DEPARTMENTS

DIVISION II — Assemble at Jackson and Broadway — Area C
Assemble at 2:15 p.m.

16. South Dakota
17. Vermont
18. Minnesota American Legion Band
19. Minnesota
20. Iowa American Legion Band
21. Iowa
22. Nebraska
23. North Dakota American Legion State Band
24. Bismarck Governaires American Legion Drum & Bugle Corps
25. Williston Cowboys American Legion Drum & Bugle Corps
26. North Dakota
27. Connecticut

DIVISION III — Assemble at Jackson and Broadway — Area A
Assemble at 2:45 p.m.

28. Ohio
29. Oconomowoc American Legion Band
30. Wisconsin
31. Delaware
32. Pennsylvania
33. Brazil American Legion Post 253 Band
34. Indiana
35. Gordon Bissell Post 4 Band, NH
36. New Hampshire
37. Hudson Post 48 Band, NH
38. North Carolina

DIVISION IV — Assemble at Jackson and Broadway — Area B
Assemble at 3:15 p.m.

39. Arkansas National Guard Band
40. Arkansas
41. Maine
42. Maryland
43. Rhode Island
44. West Virginia Highlanders
45. West Virginia
46. Kansas
47. South Carolina

DIVISION V — Assemble at Jackson and Broadway — Area C
Assemble at 3:45 p.m.

48. Idaho
49. Joseph F. Hill Waltham, Massachusetts Band
50. Massachusetts
51. New Jersey
52. Greater Kansas City American Legion Band
53. Missouri
54. Montana
55. Oregon
56. New Mexico
57. Green County High School Band, Greensburg, KY

DIVISION VI — Assemble at Jackson and Broadway — Area A
Assemble at 4:15 p.m.

58. Alabama
59. Louisiana
60. Aurora American Legion Band, Aurora, IL
61. Illinois
62. Nashville Post 5 Band, Nashville, TN
63. Tennessee
64. Liverpool American Legion Band, Liverpool, NY
65. New York
66. Michigan
67. Utah

DIVISION VII — Assemble at Jackson and Broadway — Area B
Assemble at 4:45 p.m.

68. Arizona
69. Southern High School Trojan Band, Louisiville, KY
70. Georgia
71. California
72. Alaska
73. Bryan Station Senior High School "Marching Defenders," Lexington, KY
74. Florida
75. Wyoming

DIVISION VIII — Assemble at Jackson and Broadway — Area C
Assemble at 5:15 p.m.

76. Colorado
77. Washington
78. Central High School Marching Band, Louisville, KY
79. Mississippi
80. Virginia
81. Texas
82. Shawnee High School Marching Band, Louisville, KY
83. Oklahoma
84. Nevada
85. Kentucky

Annual Report

Covers Period Ending June 1, 1988

The final pages of this official program of the 70th Annual National Convention of The American Legion contain a condensed annual report for the American Legion 1987 year. A complete, detailed report has been prepared for submission to the Congress of the United States in accordance with requirements of the Legion's Congressionally-granted charter.

Believing that the delegates to the National Convention are entitled to receive a concise statement of the major activities of the American Legion year ending with this National Convention, your national headquarters provides this illustrated report as a part of the official program. In this manner, we are assured that every delegate and every one who registers for the convention will receive the condensed annual report.

The American Legion 70th Annual Report

A full, detailed report has been submitted to the Congress of the United States in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 249, 77th Congress. Approved September 18, 1941

This year The American Legion again found itself faced with major challenges to the future of America's veterans. National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer met those challenges with determination and dedication, upholding the highest ideals of The American Legion.

When Commander Comer took office at the close of the 69th National Convention in San Antonio, he outlined for all Legionnaires the nature of those challenges. The first involved continuing our successful efforts to achieve the Legion's goal of three million members.

We continue to work toward that goal — and it is only a matter of time before it becomes reality. Proof that our hard work is paying off is reflected in the 32-year membership high achieved in 1988. Through the determination and diligence of each and every Legionnaire the three million membership goal is within reach.

Commander Comer's second challenge to Legionnaires was to raise $1 million for the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. This year the Child Welfare Foundation provided more than $300,000 in grants to organizations developing educational and assistance programs for the nation's youth.

During the past year Commander Comer has criss-crossed the nation personally campaigning for contributions to the Child Welfare Foundation. His efforts have reaped great rewards as Legionnaires have answered the call to support the Foundation. Your support will mean great strides for our nation's youth.

The theme "Comer's Clan" played a vital role in Commander Comer's venture to raise $1 million for the Foundation. He realized the importance of family to The American Legion and the nation. Our destiny is to strive to prepare our children and youth for their roles as tomorrow's leaders.

The American Legion realizes the problems facing our youth today greatly affect their ability to lead this nation into the future. Our work now helps them face the future with a clear, well-balanced view of their responsibilities. A healthier and happier youth today results in increased strength for the future of America.

The funds contributed by Legionnaires and others this year guarantees the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation is a Foundation with a Future.

Commander Comer's third challenge to Legionnaires was to increase the voice of The American Legion in the halls of Congress, the offices of the Veterans Administration and throughout America in state legislatures. As our membership increases, so does our voice. We speak with strength and vigor today because of your determination to meet the challenge set before The American Legion.

Commander Comer testified before the House and Senate Committees on Veterans Affairs to voice our concerns about cuts to the Veterans Administration budget and the continuing problems of jobless and homeless veterans. He addressed those same concerns to the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Conference in Washington.

Legionnaires across the land demonstrated their dedication when The American Legion worked diligently for passage of legislation supporting continued aid to the Nicaruguan resistance fighters. Commander Comer and other members of the Policy Coordination and Action Group visited Central America to see first hand the conditions in the region. Upon their return Commander Comer challenged Legionnaires to make their lawmakers aware of our strong support of continuing both economic and military aid.

Our voice was heard, by Congressmen and Senators alike, by knocking on their doors and speaking face to face with them concerning this issue. Our efforts were seen in the thousands of letters they received asking for their support of the resistance fighters. The position of The American Legion was made clear through your actions.

Our voice rang clear again when it came time to support legislation to elevate the Veterans Administration to cabinet level. Our efforts in this area demonstrate our willingness to struggle on the road to achieving results on key issue concerning America's veterans.

During the Washington Conference in February Commander Comer once again called upon The American Legion to lead the way concerning an issue of grave importance to the Nation. A special forum on the POW-MIA issue was held to assure all sides of this burning issue were heard and questions could be raised directly to those in government who are toiling to resolve the issue.

The American Legion will never cease in its efforts to see all questions answered acceptably to The American Legion, to the families of the missing and to the citizens of America.

As we stand on the threshold of another Legion year, we realize new challenges await us. With seven decades of experience we have the knowledge and expertise to face these challenges. Let's meet the challenges head on.

Robert W. Spanogle
National Adjutant

The National Executive Committee

Between National Conventions, the administrative authority of The American Legion is exercised by the National Executive Committee composed of the National Commander, the five National Vice Commanders, National Chaplain, and one committeeman (plus alternate) elected by each department. Past National Commanders are life members of the NEC without vote. The NEC appoints the National Adjutant, Treasurer, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Historian and Sergeant-at-Arms. The NEC also has full and complete control over the annual budget.

National Executive Committeemen

Alabama	**Andrew J. Cooper**
Alaska	**William M. Bishop**
Arizona	**Charles L. Vawter, Jr.**
Arkansas	**Lawrence E. Fisher**
California	**Lloyd Higginson**
Canada	**Mrs. H. Rena Chaplin**
Colorado	**Charles P. Smith**
Connecticut	**Richard W. Anderson**
Delaware	**Robert J. Lauer**
District of Columbia	**Robert L. Waters**
Florida	**George L. Derrick**
France	**William S. Lombardo**
Georgia	**W.D. Harrell**
Hawaii	**Robert J. Conrad**
Idaho	**Lyle Hupfer**
Illinois	**James V. Kissner**
Indiana	**Gilbert E. Sheeks**
Iowa	**Leo Maynard**
Italy	**Frank C. Bottigliero**
Kansas	**U.S. "Udie" Grant**
Kentucky	**Joseph K. Goodness**
Louisiana	**Paul M. Severson**
Maine	**Anthony G. Jordan**
Maryland	**Talmage C. Carawan**
Massachusetts	**John J. Mulkern**
Mexico	**Thomas L. Hogan**
Michigan	**Andrew A. Templeton**
Minnesota	**Donald R. Schroedl**
Mississippi	**Fred M. Ingellis**
Missouri	**Jerome N. Roach**
Montana	**C. Hal Manson**
Nebraska	**Wayne Davis**
Nevada	**Charles F. Langel**
New Hampshire	**Joseph E. Caouette**
New Jersey	**James H. Hall**
New Mexico	**Robert W. Durand**
New York	**Donald E. Klein**
North Carolina	**Robert A. Tart**
North Dakota	**Robert E. Hennessy**
Ohio	**Dominic V. Belloni**
Oklahoma	**Tom C. Smith**
Oregon	**T. Les Galloway**
Panama Canal	**Romeo J. Routhier**
Pennsylvania	**Joseph V. Adams**
Philippines	**Ernesto P. Golez**
Puerto Rico	**Juan H. Cintron**
Rhode Island	**Robert Miles, Jr.**
South Carolina	**E. Roy Stone, Jr.**
South Dakota	**Donald Clarke**
Tennessee	**James T. Waters**
Texas	**Harvey Holcomb**
Utah	**William E. Christoffersen**
Vermont	**Milton Willis, Jr.**
Virginia	**Emmett B. Burley**
Washington	**Clint Stebing**
West Virginia	**Jack T. Gribben**
Wisconsin	**Jerry A. Kautzer**
Wyoming	**David E. Nauman**

Past National Commanders

Hamilton Fish	New York
E. Roy Stone, Jr.	South Carolina
George N. Craig	Indiana
Erle Cocke, Jr.	Georgia
J. Addington Wagner	Michigan
John S. Gleason, Jr.	Illinois
Preston J. Moore	Oklahoma
Martin B. McKneally	New York
William R. Burke	California
Charles L. Bacon	Missouri
Daniel F. Foley	Minnesota
Donald E. Johnson	Iowa
L. Eldon James	Virginia
John E. Davis	North Dakota
William E. Galbraith	Nebraska
J. Milton Patrick	Oklahoma
Alfred P. Chamie	California
John H. Geiger	Illinois
Joe L. Matthews	Texas
Robert E. L. Eaton	Maryland
James M. Wagonseller	Ohio
Harry G. Wiles	Kansas
William J. Rogers	Maine
Robert Charles Smith	Louisiana
John M. (Jack) Carey	Michigan
Frank I. Hamilton	Indiana
Michael J. Kogutek	New York
Jack W. Flynt	Texas
Al Keller, Jr.	Illinois
Keith Kreul	Wisconsin
Clarence M. Bacon	Maryland
Dale L. Renaud	Iowa
James P. Dean	Mississippi

National Officers

John P. "Jake" Comer (MA)
National Commander

Robert W. Spanogle (MI)
National Adjutant

Neale V. Cabral (CT)
Nat. Vice Commander

Joe Frank, Jr. (MO)
Nat. Vice Commander

W. P. Petersen (MT)
Nat. Vice Commander

Paul B. Phifer, Jr. (VA)
Nat. Vice Commander

Leon Reed (AR)
Nat. Vice Commander

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Nat. Chaplain

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Nat. Judge Advocate

Webber LaGrange (IN)
Nat. Treasurer

Edward F. Brennan (IL)
Nat. Historian

Timothy A. Ryan (MA)
Nat. Sgt.-At-Arms

When National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer gavels the 70th National Convention to order in Louisville The American Legion will again begin the business of providing leadership direction through adoption of resolutions which guide The American Legion through the next 12 months.

The American Legion was founded after World War I by veterans of that war as an organization dedicated to service to God and Country. For 69 years, The American Legion has continued to help generations of Americans through programs that benefit all veterans, youth and communities across the land.

As a leader in volunteer efforts The American Legion has provided the necessary initiative to guide the nation toward a bright and prosperous future. Following in the foot-steps of the founding fathers of this great nation, The American Legion has dedicated itself to,the highest standards for its members and the citizens of the United States. Through its legislative actions, volunteer service and well-thought-out plans for the future, The American Legion has paved the way for future generations to keep America on a path of freedom and democracy.

The American Legion accomplished its objectives through two offices: National Headquarters, Indianapolis, IN, with major national offices also located in Washington, DC.

The organization's chief executive officer is the National Commander, elected by delegates to the National Convention for a term of one year. Other national officers chosen by National Convention action are the five National Vice Commanders.

John P. "Jake" Comer, of Quincy, MA, is the 1987-88 National Commander of The American Legion. Major accomplishments of The American Legion during his term of office are represented in the following pages of this program and condensed annual report.

Robert W. Spanogle of Michigan, the National Adjutant, is the chief administrative officer of The American Legion. The National Adjutant, the National Judge Advocate, the National Treasurer, the National Chaplain, the National Historian and the National Sergeant-at-Arms comprise the appointed National officers of The American Legion.

National Commander Comer Gets Involved

John P. "Jake" Comer is sworn in as National Commander by Past National Commander John H. Geiger at The American Legion National Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

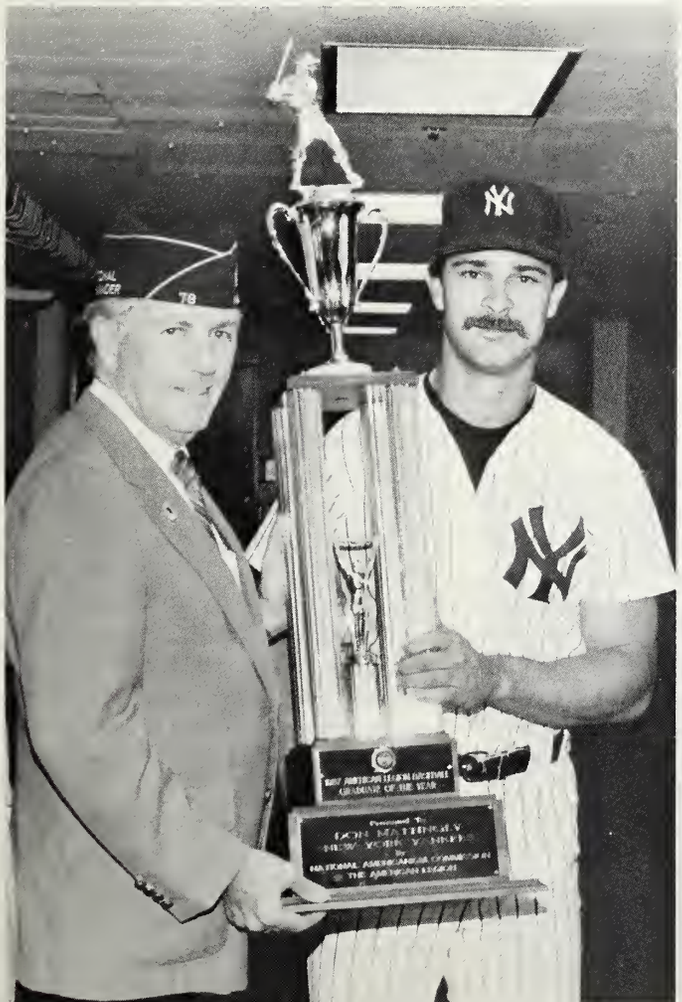
National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer salutes America's veterans despite a record snowfall during dedications at the Tomb of the Unkown in Washington, D.C.

National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer and Auxiliary National President Pearl Behrend discuss Child Welfare Foundation donations during meetings in Indianapolis.

National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer and Public Relations Chairman Doug Henley present the Public Relations Award to the Nicaraguan newspaper LaPrensa during the Washington Conference.

National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer and Eileen Comer with guest speaker John Walsh at the National Executive Committee Fall Meetings.

National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer adjusts the thermometer gauge as donations are received at National Headquarters for his drive to raise $1 million for The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.



National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer presents New York Yankees first baseman Don Mattingly with The American Legion Baseball Graduate of the Year Trophy.

National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer testifies before the Senate, alongside Senator Ted Kennedy (D) Mass., during the Washington Testimony on behalf of America's veterans.

Americanism Commission

Robert S. Turner (GA),
Chairman

K. Michael Ayers (IN),
Director

Post level, community-oriented programs are the lifeblood of The American Legion. Where we find strong, vibrant, Legion-sponsored programs, we find energetic and flourishing Legion posts.

Thousands of Posts and hundreds of thousands of volunteers conduct programs of Youth Activities and Community Service that promote healthy minds, strong bodies and a stable community environment. It is your National Americanism Commission that has the responsibility for development and promotion of these programs, but it is the Post that carries the programs to the community, and it is at the Post level that the name of The American Legion shines brightest.

Included in this report are summaries of major programs of the National Americanism Commission, programs for which you share responsibility and of which you can be justly proud. American Legion Baseball, Boys State, Boys Nation, the National High School Oratorical Contest, and concern for and support of the American Education system are just a few programs that continue to provide visibility — a very positive image — for the Legion both locally and nationally.

Through this past year, the Americanism Commission devoted attention to Federal legislative matters of concern to most Americans. Current mandates of the Organization that are paramount to the interests of the Commission continue to be in the areas of effective intelligence agencies, with problems created by the new immigration laws, with acts of terrorism, with the return to prayer in the Nation's classrooms, and with the establishment of English as the official language of the United States.

Robert S. Turner

The Americanism Commission is charged with the supervision and coordination of two National Standing Committees: the National Committee on Education and the Counter-Subversive Activities Committee; and one special committee: the National Committee on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

BOYS STATE/BOYS NATION

There is no better way to assure the survival of our republic than to train our young people in the ideals and objectives of American Government. By teaching youth to understand and appreciate the basic principles involved in the successful management of a democratic society, we can keep America strong and ensure freedom for future generations. These are the distinguished and long-standing objectives of American Legion Boys State.

These objectives are accomplished through a unique summertime program, one that emphasizes participation and personal experience in a "model state," complete with governing bodies and elected public officials.

More than 28,000 young men participated in the program in 1988, and added their names to the role of more than one million who have attended American Legion Boys State since its inception in 1935.

Every year each Boys State selects two outstanding graduates to represent them at American Legion Boys Nation. Held in Washington, DC in July of each year, it is at Boys Nation that the delegates are introduced, firsthand, to the federal city and the operation of government at the federal level.

This year, 1988, Boys Nation marked forty-two years of government training at the federal level.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

The fifty-first annual National High School Oratorical Finals were conducted on April 15, 1988, at Denton Senior High School, Denton, Texas. Fifty-four Departments of The American Legion participated in the Oratorical Program. The four National Finalists were:

First Place: Dilip Paliath, Baltimore, Maryland; $16,000 scholarship

Second Place: Jennifer Dekker, Worthington, Minnesota; $14,000 scholarship

Third Place: Timothy Chandler, Wilsonville, Oregon; $10,000 scholarship

Fourth Place: Anne Margaret Joseph, Fairfax, Virginia; $8,000 scholarship

The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund also awards a $1,000 scholarship to each Regional Contest participant and an additional $1,000 scholarship to Sectional contestants who do not advance to the National Finals, for an annual total of $109,000. To date, over $1,400,000 in scholarship awards have been provided from The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund. Additionally, scholarships are awarded at the Post, District and Department levels.

In 1989, the National Oratorical Finals will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska.

SCOUTING

The American Legion's interest and support of Scouting is illustrated by the selection of Troy E. Eckhardt, a 17-

The four finalists in the 51st annual American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest posed for this photograph the evening before the contest. Shown left to right are Anne Margaret Joseph of Fairfax, Virginia, fourth place; Jennifer Dekker of Worthington, Minnesota, second place; Timothy J. Chandler of Wilsonville, Oregon, third place; and Dilip Paliath of Baltimore, Maryland, first place.

year-old Senior from DeLand, Florida, as The American Legion's 1988 Scout of the Year. Sponsored by Post #259 at DeBary, Troy will receive an $8,000 scholarship from The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund.

This year, for the first time, three runners-up for the Scout of the Year award received scholarships of $2,000 each. They were: Robert K. Nickel of San Diego, California; Matt Takara of Pueblo, Colorado; and Jonathan Lee Offt of Blairstown, Iowa.

BASEBALL

American Legion Baseball closed its 63rd season of nationwide participation just before this Convention was convened. Eight regional champions representing nearly 4,000 teams (76,000 young men) fielded throughout the country by American Legion Posts and other sponsors, competed at Middletown, Connecticut in the 1988 World Series, August 24-28.

More than half of this season's Major League Baseball players gained training and experience in the Legion's program before they signed their first professional contract. More and more participants are realizing college educations through scholarships granted to them following exposure in this athletic activity first sponsored by The American Legion in 1925.

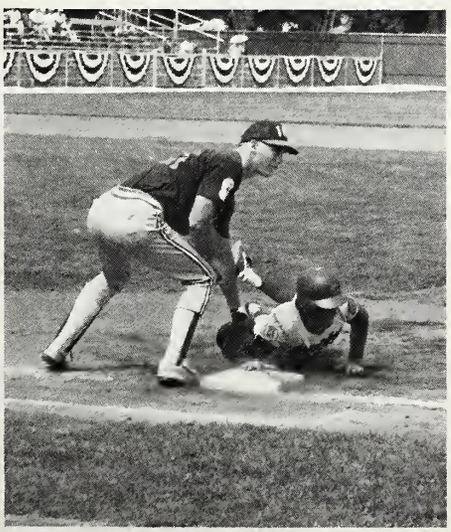
SERVICE TO GOD AND COUNTRY

"Service to God and Country" is basic Americanism. This program is designed to help prevent the spiritual decay of America and to charge our citizens with a spirit of positive Americanism, respect for law, reverence for authority and an awareness of our human rights and freedoms.

The first of this dual objective is service to God through regular public worship, daily family prayer and the religious education of children. Legionnaires are called upon to make parents more aware of their responsibility to instill in their children the belief that God is the source of all rights and privileges.

The second objective is to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation by preparing young Americans to take up tomorrow's responsibilities. It is achieved by teaching them moral and spiritual values, renewed interest in our country's history, self-discipline, self-reliance, thrift and ideals of loyalty, honesty and physical fitness.

The program is coordinated by the Post Chaplain through the cooperation of local clergy and other public service and civic organizations which hold with the principles of The American Legion's "Service to God and Country" program.



Stimulating competition throughout the Country is enjoyed annually by over 76,000 players in The American Legion Baseball program.

FLAG EDUCATION

The American Legion, as a recognized authority of flag etiquette for more than sixty years, has provided to our Nation's people the information necessary to properly and appropriately display the Flag of the United States. Each year, the office of the National Americanism Commission answers hundreds of inquiries regarding proper respect for our Flag and continues to promote Flag education through our publications *Know Your America* and *Let's Be Right on Flag Etiquette.*

Reaching out to our youngest citizens with Flag education information, the National Americanism Commission recently unveiled *Our Country's Flag,* a 20-page educational comic book designed to teach elementary school children about the birth, development and proper manner for display of the Flag, and about American ideals, patriotism and respect for "Old Glory." Posts may purchase the books from National Emblem Sales for distribution through their local schools.

FIREARMS SAFETY

In an effort to promote gun safety and marksmanship training in communities throughout the United States, The American Legion, in cooperation with the National Rifle Association, is developing basic firearms education program courses through its network of local Posts.

These courses provide the basic knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to pursue special interests in safety, personal protection, recreational and competitive shooting and hunting.

Taught by NRA Certified Instructors, courses are offered in the following specialties: Airgun Safety, Firearms Safety, Personal Protection, Pistol Marksmanship, Rifle Marksmanship, Shotgun Shooting, Muzzleloading Pistol Marksmanship, Muzzleloading Rifle Marksmanship and Muzzleloading Shotgun Shooting. □

Committee on Education

Dr. W. F. Haynie (TX), Chairman

Since its inception in 1919, The American Legion has continuously concerned itself with the promotion of positive educational activities. A joint committee was formed with the National Education Association which brought about the first American Education Week observance in 1921. This Committee met annually to discuss educational issues and plans for each succeeding Education Week observance.

In 1975, the NEA dissolved all committees involved with outside organizations thus ending nearly 55 years of cooperative efforts toward national emphasis and input to the Nation's educational system. For that reason, The American Legion formed the National Committee on Education in order to maintain a strong positive influence on education. As the only national committee with a voting membership of both the Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, it exemplifies the cooperation needed by our organizations and so vital in providing programs and activities that will have a meaningful effect on the schools.

The National Committee on Education meets twice annually and makes their recommendations through the Americanism Commission.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE AND PROGRAM

The activities of the Education Program are many and varied. The National Americanism Commission through its National Committee on Education, continues to emphasize citizenship education as the foundation of the program.

For over two years, the Legion has supported Project Literacy U.S. (PLUS), an unprecedented collaboration between ABC and PBS Television in dealing with the problems of adult literacy. Posts are encouraged to assist PLUS by getting involved with programs or starting new ones to help alleviate the problems of illiterate adults.

American Education Week, co-sponsored by The American Legion since 1921, will be observed November 13-19, 1988. The theme "America's Schools: Invest in Your Future," emphasizes the role The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary can and should play in promoting educational excellence in the public and private schools in the community. By encouraging courses for our young people that are designed to prepare them for the world of work and for responsible citizenship, the Country is strengthened and our future made secure.

Continued participation in the National Conventions of Secondary School Principals, Counselors and School Board members reaffirms that our financial source book, *Need A Lift?* is serving an important role for young people seeking funds to attend college. *Need A Lift?* and the brochure *A Guide for Parents and Students* are basic tools to be used by counselors working with young people and parents in financial planning for higher education. □

Counter-Subversive Activities Committee

F. Rodney Loper (PA), Chairman

The Counter-Subversive Activities Committee, since its establishment by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in November 1950 continues to keep a close watch on activities of certain organizations and individuals who threaten our form of government and reports this information in the monthly publication, *Firing Line*.

Fall 1988 will again focus on gaining new subscriptions for this publication in the following targeted Departments: California, Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey, Oregon and South Carolina.

If you are not currently receiving *Firing Line*, why not fill out the coupon below and mail it along with your check or money order to: The American Legion Firing Line, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206. Single subscriptions are available at a cost of $5.00 per year. Bulk subscriptions are also available at $1.00 when a minimum of 20 copies are mailed to one address only.

Committee on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution

Robert S. Turner (GA), Chairman

The document that is the foundation for American government and guarantees individual freedom for Americans is over 200 years old. September 17, 1987 marked the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

Studies continue to show that most of our Nation's people know little or nothing about the Constitution, nor do they know that the rights expressed in the first ten amendments are their written guarantee for personal freedoms. Many fail to realize the importance of the Constitution to their daily lives. Few really understand it.

The Legion's Committee on the Bicentennial has worked for three years to change this, with many projects developed for community activities by Posts of The American Legion.

Some of the materials were specially developed to educate our Nation's people about the Constitution while others have served simply to draw attention to the document. A play, "The Constitution: Little Short of Miracle," was published by the Committee and mailed to 25,000 high schools early in 1987. More than one-half million copies of The American Legion Bicentennial coloring book, for elementary school students, were

widely distributed during the Bicentennial year.

During the official observance, the President's Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution granted official endorsement to The American Legion's own Bicentennial program, citing it as being "of exceptional merit with national significance, and substantial educational and historical value."

The 200th birthday of the Constitution has passed, but we hope your Post and your Department will continue to host a special event to commemorate the birthday of the Constitution each year. As United States servicemen and women, and as Legionnaires, we have vowed to uphold and defend the Constitution. We couldn't do it in finer fashion than by having each and every Post promote appreciation for and understanding of "the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man." □

Children & Youth Commission

Eugene V. Lindquist (MN), Chairman

K. Michael Ayers (IN), Director

Eugene V. Linquist

The National Commission on Children & Youth has dedicated itself to doing all it can to assist the Youth of this Nation. The road to adulthood today offers many more exit ramps and diversions than in years past. It is a by product of technological advancement that has had a very negative impact on a great many of our young people.

Your Commission has focused its energy in three major areas; they are Substance Abuse, Suicide Prevention, and Missing Children. Each of these areas, have in the recent past, received concentrated media attention but in all cases it has been very short lived. By its nature, media reacts to what is "hot" at the time.

The American Legion on the other hand, has concentrated on these issues to make a positive impact on youth directly. The youngest of these programs has now been with this Commission for five years, and our literature covering these areas is no longer issued in the thousands, but by the hundreds of thousands.

We publish five brochures to cover these three areas. The titles are: *Children Beware; Warning Signs; Marijuana; Cocaine;* and *Children & Youth on the Rocks.*

All of these materials have been designed in a pictoral format to reach the understanding of elementary school children and many of our Posts will take all they can get to distribute in their community schools. Many outside organizations have also requested copies for distribution. We feel our professionalism and expertise increases each year but unfortunately, there is no hard and fast method to evaluate how many youngsters we actually reach. But what is really important is that we are confident we are reaching many.

Today's young people will carry the load of shaping tomorrow's society and we must do all we can to ensure they grow in a positive environment with healthy minds and bodies.

The three areas we address are real problems that impact our youth on a daily basis. Many of the youngsters that get caught in these diversions never get back, some are fortunate and do. Searching for a solution and cure is important and we must continue to press for Legislation to help, but we feel our heaviest impact will be made in the area of prevention. This is the primary reason these five brochures have been re-designed to be understood at the elementary level.

There will be two new brochures published by the Commission this year in this same format. One deals with safety in the home by discussing situations that could cause serious injury to people or property. The second new brochure deals with safety outdoors. Every one likes to be outside having fun in all kinds of weather and this brochure discusses situations to have fun and be safe at the same time.

Your Commission is proud of what it has accomplished this past program year and looks forward to the coming year but you must understand that without you, the Commission's work would be a futile effort. The men and women of The American Legion, Auxiliary, and Eight and Forty are the best volunteers in the country and you are what makes these programs effective by your hard work in your community. You make it all happen, and with your continued support we can all make the difference that is needed to keep our young people on that road to adulthood. Thank you very much for all you have done and please keep this saying in mind: "A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different, because I was important in the life of a child." □

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.

U.S. "Udie" Grant (KS), President

Paul R. Frinsthal (IL), Executive Secretary

Our report this year opens with a GIANT SALUTE to our National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer. During this past year, he has given our Foundation a new lease on life. His campaign to raise one million dollars for the Foundation has opened many eyes and many hearts. Through the generosity of many Legion, Auxiliary, Eight and Forty and SAL volunteers, we are now able to reach more children through our grants.

For the 1987-88 year, the following grants were awarded: $14,000 to Aberdeen American Legion Post #59 (ID); $22,500 to Aplastic Anemia Foundation of America (MD); $60,000 to Boy Scouts of America (TX); $8,500 to National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (VA); $17,000 to National Reye's Syndrome Foundation (OH); and $15,000 to New York State Police (NY).

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation was created in 1954 for the following purposes: To contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and/or their programs, to the end that such information will specifically benefit youth and, in general, be more adequately used by society.

Special thanks to the outstanding group of volunteers we affectionately refer to as RATs and Deputy RATs (Regional Action Teams). Without their assistance and support, many grants would still be waiting for funding. □

Convention Commission

James J. Charleston (IL), Chairman

Robert P. Radke (OH), Director

San Antonio, Texas, the site of the Alamo — the cradle of Texas liberty — was host for the 69th Annual Convention of The American Legion. Convention attendance at San Antonio was second only to the 1981 Hawaii Convention. Attendees indicated they enjoyed the city with the beautiful river-walk.

Uniformed group competitions were held on Saturday, for Senior Bands and Senior Color Guards. The 1987 National Champions are:

Senior Band — Stephen Sikora Post 1322 American Legion Band Tonawanda, New York

Senior Color Guard — The Cheverly Troopers, American Legion Post 108 Cheverly, Maryland

James J. Charleston

On Sunday morning, the Memorial Service was well attended. Later Sunday afternoon, a 4½ hour Parade was reviewed by military, Legion and local dignitaries from the reviewing stand located across from the Alamo.

The Labor Day American Legion Festival, held at La Villita, the original Spanish settlement of San Antonio, proved to be an outstanding success. Capacity crowds attended the two musical shows headlined by Louise Mandrell. The City of San Antonio, the Convention Corporation of Texas and the Department of Texas were commended for hosting this outstanding Convention, which also was a financial success.

A Convention Commission site inspection team visited Louisville, Kentucky, in late April. Louisville, host for the 70th Annual Convention, is ready in all aspects for a great Convention. The schedule of events is much the same as last year. The American Legion Festival will be held on Labor Day. The location will be historic Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby. Featured entertainment will be Lee Greenwood. This event will provide hours of entertainment and refreshments for all Convention attendees and their families.

During the past year, the Convention Commission has considered bids for future Conventions from the following cities: Chicago, Illinois; Orlando, Florida; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

At the 1987 Fall Meeting, the Commission recommended that the 1992 Convention be held at Chicago, Illinois. During the 1988 Spring Meeting, it was recommended that the 1993 Convention be tentatively awarded to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Both recommendations have been accepted by the National Executive Committee. Both of these selections comply with the geographic rotation implemented with the 1989 Convention. (Central Region — even numbered years; alternate between Eastern and Western Regions — odd numbered years.)

The primary function of the Convention Commission is to review invitations from interested cities and recommend the sites for future conventions. These recommended cities receive tentative awards five years in advance of the Convention. The Commission also oversees activities

during Conventions, critiques each Convention and recommends improvements in future Conventions.

Dates of Future Conventions

1988 — Louisville, KY — Sept. 2-8
1989 — Baltimore, MD — Sept. 1-7
1990 — Indianapolis, IN — Aug. 24-30 (T)
1991 — Phoenix, AZ — Aug. 30-Sept. 5 (T)
1992 — Chicago, Illinois — Aug. 28-Sept. 3 (T)
1993 — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania — Sept. 3-9 (T)

(T) Tentative □

Distinguished Guests

Allen L. Titus (IN), Chairman

The Distinguished Guests Committee operates under the umbrella of the National Convention Commission. The purpose of the Committee is to assume the responsibility of coordinating the activities of people invited to attend the National Convention as Distinguished Guests.

The Committee arranges transportation requirements for the arrival and departure of the guests and provides such services to the various events as they may wish to attend.

Proper credentials, agendas, itineraries and other necessary details are all involved in this service. Special requests are honored when possible.

The Distinguished Guests Committee establishes its base of operations in the Legion Headquarters Hotel. It is maintained as a convenience and central locator for all Distinguished Guests. The overall success of this operation depends almost entirely upon Legionnaires from the Convention City and Department. They provide the experienced leadership and knowledge necessary to conduct the activities of the Committee throughout the Convention.

Special emphasis is placed upon the ability of local aides, drivers and others to help make our guests feel comfortable and at ease during their stay in the Convention City. □

Internal Affairs Commission

Herman G. Harrington (NY), Chairman

Raymond C. Patterson (IA), Director

The Internal Affairs Commission is responsible for policies relating to the internal structure and operation of The American Legion at all levels. In addition, all resolutions and other official matters not falling within the area of assigned duties of other National Commissions or Committees are handled by the Internal Affairs Commission.

Four national standing committees are assigned to the commission for "supervision and coordination:" Constitution and By-Laws; Membership and Post Activities; Resolutions Assignment; and Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials. The Internal Affairs Commission is also the supervisory body for the Sons of The American Legion organization.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

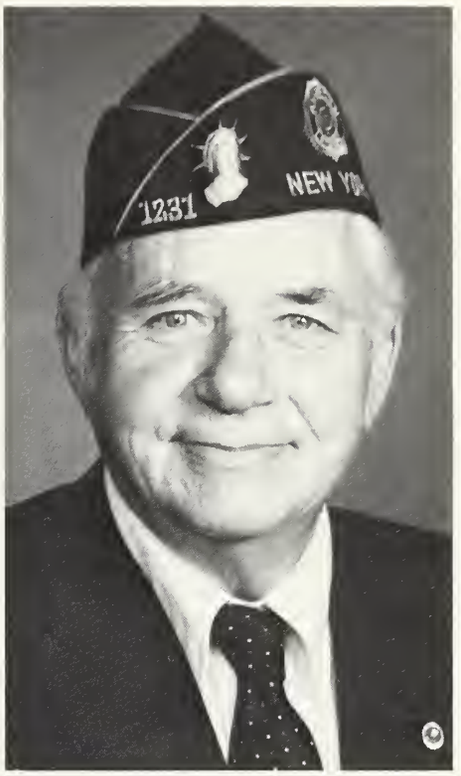
The only authority that can amend the National Constitution and By-Laws is accomplished by action of a National Convention. A standing committee on Constitution and By-Laws does, however, review and make recommendations of all proposed amendments.

TROPHIES, AWARDS AND CEREMONIALS

This committee supervises all official national awards (with the exception of those related to uniform group competition) and recommends to the National Executive Committee recipients of the Distinguished Service Medal, the International Amity Award and the Canadian Friendship Award.

At the 1988 Spring Meetings, the Committee approved the nominations of Mervyn Frank Clark (Australia) and Dionisio S. Ojeda (Philippines) for the International Amity Award.

For the Canadian Friendship Award, the Committee approved the nominations of Donald Oram (Canada) and David Appleby (Canada).



Herman G. Harrington

RESOLUTIONS ASSIGNMENT

The Resolutions Assignment Committee meets only at the annual National Convention. The committee has the responsibility of assigning all resolutions to the appropriate convention committee for report to the convention.

THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

The National Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion met May 1, 1988 in Indianapolis, Indiana. In support of The American Legion's goal to raise $1,000,000 for the Child Welfare Foundation, the N.E.C. approved a resolution to make a $15,000 donation from their general fund to this worthy cause.

Membership in the Sons of The American Legion for 1987 was 90,249 and is expected to grow to 100,000 by

December 31, 1988. The Sons of The American Legion's main emphasis this year is on the Commander's special project of Veterans Rehabilitation services in VA hospitals and VA homes. Also, the second main emphasis has been fund raising for the Child Welfare Foundation. This special project will be a continuing fund raising project. The Sons of The American Legion remains a healthy and vibrant program experiencing continued growth and support from Posts throughout The American Legion organization.

CONSOLIDATED POST REPORTS

Over 50% of The American Legion Posts filed a consolidated Post Report with National Headquarters for the 1986-1987 year. Last year exemplifies the valuable and invaluable assistance provided to all levels of America: Cash aid given to veterans — $1,347,806; Contributions to the VA Vlunteer Service Program — $1,335,503; along with 1,017,536 volunteer hours of service; donated $7,395,455 to athletic teams; sponsored 51,572 Boy Scouts at a cost of $1,211,252; awarded 4,860 scholarships valued at $1,508,989; donated $2,152,876 and spent 4,915,310 hours performing community service work; gave 363,848 pints of blood and contributed millions of dollars in goods and cash to programs helping children and veterans.

The greatest duty for The American Legion is its service to its veterans. Again, we have honorably and proudly met our obligations.

PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE

The American Legion Paid-Up-For-Life Program started 13 years ago as a convenience to our members. Since its inception, and as of May 5, 1988, nearly 50,000 members have entered the National Program.

This method of membership is the best way to ensure that one is always a paid-up continuous member. This is the most positive way one can show support for The American Legion and its programs.

DIRECT RENEWAL

One of the measures The American Legion uses to judge the success of the various programs is through the continuing strength of its membership. Instrumental to the retention of members in the organization is the Direct Renewal Program, which is the use of a direct mail method that invites members to renew. This organized, uniform, and simple method has been a very successful and effective approach and is funded at NO COST to Departments or Posts. Members of participating Posts receive a first renewal letter about July or August 1, depending on your Department. Subsequent renewal notices are mailed to unpaid members about October 1, or November 1, December 15, or January 4, and March 14, respectively.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

The tenth annual series of National Leadership Workshops sponsored by the National Headquarters of The American Legion and Auxiliary in cooperation with all Departments will take place this September/October at eight regional sites around the United States. See the full page promotion elsewhere in this program for complete details on each workshop.

This forum of workshops is a setting to discuss matters of interest to the organization, but, more importantly, it offers the opportunity to inform, educate, and provide leadership training to anyone wanting to learn more about the past, present, and future of the Legion and Auxiliary. Many subject matters are covered, providing a blend of experiences, sharing of ideas, problem solving, information exchange, and the sharpening of skills.

Become a part of the 40,000+ other members who have attended past workshops. Be a Winner! Get Involved!

DIRECT MEMBERSHIP SOLICITATION

Research studies have shown that many veterans would consider joining The American Legion, but they have never been asked. In an attempt to reach as many of these veterans as possible, we are soliciting new members through the mail. This new and exciting membership program is called Direct Membership Solicitation (DMS).

DMS has proven successful, having acquired over 500,000 new members for The American Legion since its inception. Fifty-two (52) Departments now participate in the DMS programs.

Also being tested through the DMS program is Television Direct Response advertising as well as Direct Response Magazine advertising. DMS will continue to support The American Legion's drive for 3,000,000 plus members.

FAMILY BENEFITS PLAN

The American Legion Family Benefits Plan was created to assist in the acquisition and retention of members while increasing the real and perceived value of every Legionnaire's card. Corporate sponsors of this plan offer a variety of discounts on hotel lodging, motor club membership, car rentals, and recreation parks.

At this time, discounts and services are being offered by the following companies: Allstate Motor Club, American Red Ball, Atlas Van Lines, Avis, Days Inn, La Quinta, Marriott, National Car Rental, North American Van Lines, Ramada, Regal 8, Rodeway, Sea World, Thrifty, United Van Lines and U.S.A.C. Motoring Division. A handbook describing these discount offerings was printed and inserted in the first Direct Renewal Notice of 1988.

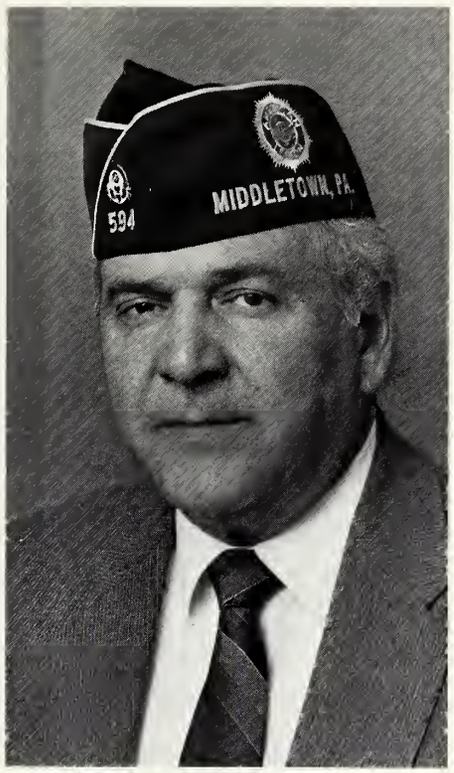
Renewal agreements are being finalized at this time and preparation for new promotional materials are under way. Efforts continue to seek potential new corporate sponsors in a greater variety of choices. Negotiations with existing corporate sponsors are ongoing to expand benefits and increase participation by our members. □

Membership and Post Activities Committee

Dominic D. DiFrancesco (PA)
Chairman

James M. Lindsey (MI),
Director

The 1988 membership year has been one of continued implementation of innovative redirection within the organization. It is quite evident, with our growing membership, that we are the largest and fastest growing veterans organization in the Nation.



Dominic D. DiFrancesco

MEMBERSHIP INCREASING

Total official membership,
1987 2,831,235
1987 membership as of
May 17, 1987 2,764,070
1988 membership as of
May 17, 1988..... 2,771,251

ELIGIBILITY DATES REMAINED CONSTANT IN 1987-88

There have been no changes in eligibility dates for membership since the 1979 National Convention in Houston, Texas, where new dates were established for Vietnam Veterans (December 22, 1961 to May 7, 1975). A Special Study Committee was formed to research validity of changing the eligibility dates. Once their report was filed and presented to the National Executive Committee, it was voted not to change the eligibility requirements.

25TH ANNUAL NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP

A new consolidated "one" workshop format was introduced to Legionnaires attending the National Membership Workshop in preparation for the 1989 membership year.

All sessions were conducted from July 29-31, 1988 at the Hilton Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana. The one workshop took the place of both National Membership Workshops which were conducted in past years.

The goal of the National Membership workshop was to provide the necessary tools, information and motivation to achieve the stimulus for a greater participation by individual Legionnaires, at all levels, to be totally involved in obtaining the membership objective of The American Legion — 3,000,000 members.

All participants departed National Headquarters fully prepared to begin another successful membership year.

Once again we are looking forward to meeting the fellow Legionnaires from around the nation as we bring the Membership Workshop to the field at the Eighth National Leadership Workshops.

NEW POSTS

Posts Chartered — May 1, 1987 to May 1, 1988
Number of Posts as of
May 1, 1987 15,544
Number of Posts cancelled as of
May 1, 1988..... 130
Number of Posts chartered as of
May 1, 1988 58
Total Number of Posts as of
May 1, 1988 15,475

New Post formation in urban areas is one of the most difficult tasks confronting The American Legion. The Membership Division has put together a Strategic Planning Data Form for field personnel use. This form contains data from Departments to be used when formulating a strategic membership plan tailored to a particular Department. The information will help target areas in which assistance is needed.

1989 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN PROMOTION

During the annual planning session of the Membership and Post Activities Committee held in Indianapolis, January 13-15, 1988, the Committee formulated the promotion plan for the 1989 National Membership Campaign. In excess of 65,000 various awards and incentives are incorporated in the National Membership Awards Program for 1989 to recognize outstanding membership accomplishments at all levels of the organization.

The M & PA staff has prepared a detailed Awards Manual for 1989 and promotional brochures describing Individual, Post, District and Department Awards that can be earned for membership performance.

UNOFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

This year, eight Department Commanders won their choices of three trips for piloting their respective Departments to 100% of their 1988 membership goals by March 31, 1988. Three Department Membership Chairmen also each won, by drawing, one of the same trips. The trip choices were: 1) Four nights fun trip to Las Vegas; or 2) Seven fabulous days and nights in the Bahamas; or 3) A seven day vacation combination including four nights cruise with three days at Walt Disney World.

EARLY BIRD AWARDS

Thirty-two Departments qualified for

the 30% awards. They are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Panama Canal, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin.

MIDWAY TO SUCCESS

Twenty-nine Departments qualified for the 50% awards with twelve of them qualifying for the 55% bonus awards. The bonus Departments are: Delaware, District of Columbia, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Maine, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Wisconsin. The 50% Departments are: Alabama, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia.

VETERANS DAY AWARDS

Thirty-eight Departments qualified for the 75% awards with nine Departments qualifying for the 80% bonus awards. The bonus Departments are: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Wisconsin. The 75% Departments are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oregon, Panama Canal, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia.

"BIG TWELVE" COMPETITION

Thirty-five Departments qualified for the 90% awards with six of them qualifying for the 95% bonus award. The bonus Departments are: Delaware, District of Columbia, Minnesota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin. The 90% Departments are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mexico, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Panama Canal, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia.

"BIG TWELVE" COMPETITION WINNERS

Category I — Minnesota and Ohio
Category II — Wisconsin and Maryland
Category III — Nebraska and North Carolina
Category IV — South Dakota and North Dakota;
Category V — Vermont and South Carolina
Category VI — District of Columbia and Delaware

AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY

Eight Departments qualified for the 100% awards. They are: California, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Mexico, Ohio, Panama Canal, West Virginia.

GOLD BRIGADE RECRUITER AWARD

A Legionnaire who recruits 50 or more NEW members by District Competition Target Date, May 2, 1988, will qualify for enrollment in the elite GOLD BRIGADE of The American Legion. A total of 197 recruiters have been certified as of May 13, 1988. The combined number of new members recruited by Gold Brigade winners totals approximately 13,295 as of May 13, 1988.

POST HONOR RIBBONS

Post Honor Ribbons were shipped to 2,052 Posts whose 1988 membership as of December 31, 1987, exceeds 1987 membership.

CERTIFICATE OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE

These certificates were awarded to 497 Posts for attaining a new All-Time High membership for 1988 by December 31, 1987.

DISTRICT COMMANDERS "RACE TO THE TOP"

Competition is divided into five categories based on the membership of the District.

First place, a trip to the 500 Mile Race:
Category I — Arkansas
Category II — Texas
Category III — Connecticut
Category IV — Arizona
Category V — Ohio

Second place, airline tickets to anywhere in the continental United States:

Category I — Oregon
Category II — Arizona
Category III — Arizona
Category IV — Ohio
Category V — Ohio

Third place, local get-away weekend:
Category I — North Carolina
Category II — Delaware
Category III — Wisconsin
Category IV — Florida
Category V — Ohio

DEPARTMENT "RECRUITER OF THE YEAR"

Each American Legion Post will have the opportunity to submit the name of the Recruiter for that Post who has signed up the highest number of New Members for the 1988 membership year by The American Legion Birthday, March 17, 1988. National Headquarters will supply certification forms to be completed by the Post Commander or Adjutant and submitted to Department Headquarters by April 1, 1988. Department Adjutants will determine the Top New Member Recruiter for their respective Departments and certify the winner to National Headquarters, on or before May 2, 1988.

The Top New Member Recruiter, properly certified from each Department, will be awarded a State Outline Trophy with his/her accomplishment inscribed thereon. As of May 11, 1988, 38 Departments have certified a "Top New Member Recruiter."

NATIONAL "RECRUITER OF THE YEAR"

The individual certified with the highest number of New Members recruited from among all the Departments is declared "National Recruiter of the Year". The award will consist of an all expense-paid trip to the 1988 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. The trip includes round-trip air transportation, hotel accommodations for 6 days/5 nights, and reserved seating tickets to the National Commander's Banquet for Distinguished Guests for the winner and spouse.

DISTRICT COMMANDER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AND DISTRICT HONOR RIBBON

Over one hundred-fifty Achievement Award Plaques and Honor Ribbons were sent to those Districts whose 1988 District Membership as of May 2, 1988 exceeded the 1987 membership by at least one per Post.

"DISTRICT COMMANDER OF THE YEAR" COMPETITION

District Commanders who achieve the goal of creating new American Legion Posts in their respective District and have the new Post Temporary Charter Application on file in National Headquarters by the 6th Target Date — District Commanders' Competition — May 2, 1988, qualify for the following award:

1 New Post qualifies for Special Recognition Plaque
Fredrick Sainz, Department of Arizona
Oliver H. Alston, Department of California
Steven Rex Castile, Department of California
George Ellis, Department of California
Frank Lumbert Department of California
Gary McCracken, Department of California
Cecil Norland, Department of Colorado
LeRoy Bowers, Department of Ohio
Robert D. Shalala, Department of Pennsylvania
Pete Henderson, Department of Texas
Jim Staker, Department of Texas
Roy D. McManners, Department of Texas
Gus Satterfield, Department of Texas
Randolph J. Browne, Department of Michigan
Albert Keller, Jr., Department of Michigan
Dallas Turley, Department of Michigan

DISTRICT COMPETITION TARGET

Eight Departments qualified for the 100% + awards. They are: California, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Mexico, Ohio, Panama, Philippines.

FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS AWARD

Ninety-seven Posts have earned the "Five Consecutive Years Post All-Time High Award" as of May 13, 1988. □

The American Legion Life Insurance And Trust Committee

Jerome P. Dobel, Jr. (MO), Chairman

G. Paul Dunn (OK),
Assistant Director,
Membership Services

The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee provides oversight for the three Life Insurance plans currently offered by The American Legion and is assigned to the National Finance Commission.

The original plan, ALLIP (American Legion Life Insurance Plan) is now in its 30th year of service to Legionnaires. The plan was officially approved by the National Executive Committee in February 1958 and has provided more than $64,000,000 in benefits to beneficiaries of Legionnaires. ALLIP, is a level premium, annually renewable decreasing term policy with benefits based upon the age of the insured at time of death. All Legionnaires under age 70 are eligible to apply under liberal underwriting requirements.

The Committee has periodically sought approval from the National Executive Committee to increase the maximum number of units for which members could apply under ALLIP. The most recent action was taken effective January 1, 1987, when maximum number of available units was increased from twelve (12) to fourteen (14). Legionnaires who were eligible for a maximum of $144,000 protection before, can now apply for coverage up to $161,000 in The American Legion Life Insurance Plan.

The National Executive Committee passed a resolution to grant a 15 percent "across the board increase" in all death benefits for the calendar year 1988. This is the 19th time in the 30 year history in which such an increase has been made. Example: The $140,000 policy becomes $161,000 and a $10,000 benefit is worth $11,500. The cost per unit has never increased. It remains only $24.00 per year.

The Plan is underwritten by Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company of Chattanooga, Tennessee. The coverage is arranged under a group policy for members in all states except permanent residents of Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin, who are insured under individual policies. The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York insures permanent residents of New York State and Puerto Rico.

The American Legion Life Insurance Trust supports several National programs which are among the most prominent and visible activities of The American Legion. The programs are listed below with the corresponding funding for 1988.

American Legion Baseball, $461,362.
National Oratorical Contest, $199,300.

This includes the award for the Oratorical Contests as follows: 1st Place $16,000; 2nd Place $14,000; 3rd Place $10,000; and 4th Place $8,000.

In addition, each of the Department winners attending the regional contests receives a $1,000 scholarship award.

Junior Uniformed Musical Groups, $20,000, for participation at the National Convention.
Boy's Nation, $117,000.
Boy Scout of the Year Scholarship Award, $14,000.

An award of $2,000 per year up to

four years, not to exceed $8,000, for pursuit of a course of study beyond high school. Three second place awards in the amount of $2,000 each are granted also.

Department Service Officer Training Program, $68,000.

These requests for grants are approved by The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee, the National Finance Commission and National Executive Committee.

Each year, on or about October 15, all insured Legionnaires are requested to report their next year's membership card number when renewing their coverage for the next calendar year. For further information, write to The American Legion Life Insurance Plan, Rollins Burdick Hunter Co., 123 North Wacker Drive, 17th floor, Chicago, Illinois 60606, or call 1-800-542-5547.

NEW PLANS

The two new Life insurance plans, approved by The American Legion in October 1986, are also doing well. The plans have been developed to expand the options available to Legionnaires and spouses in providing for their insurance needs.

PLAN I — (ALL VET)

American Legion Life Very Exceptional Term — a custom-designed term policy with level benefits and level premiums. The premium is the same for all who enroll; however, the benefit depends on your age at the time you enroll. Acceptance is subject to the underwriters approval and is available all year to younger Legionnaires and their spouses. The Plan offers up to 4 units of coverage and includes an important Return of Premium feature.

PLAN 2 — (ALL GI)

American Legion Life Guaranteed Issue — a custom-designed whole life policy with cash and loan values. This plan also offers level premium and level benefits. The plan is available to more mature Legionnaires and their spouses during limited enrollments and is issued on a standard or modified basis, depending on answers to health questions on the application. You cannot be turned down for this plan. A child rider is also available with both plans.

For more information on ALL VET and ALL GI, call 1-800-523-5758 or write Union Fidelity Life Insurance Co., Union Fidelity Office Square, Trevose, PA 19049.

The Life Insurance and Trust Committee on behalf of the National Organization is proud to make these two new dynamic insurance plans available to our fellow members. □

Administrative Services

William D. Jackson (IN),
Executive Director

The Executive Director, whose office is located in the National Headquarters, Indianapolis, has four major responsibilities:

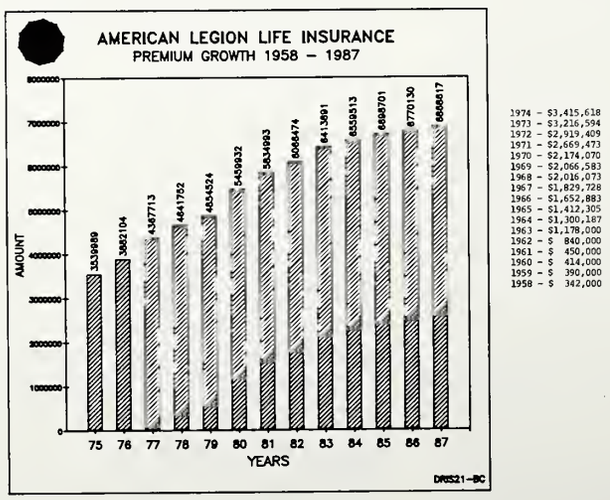
1) He performs such duties as may be assigned to him by the National Adjutant to assist in meeting the myriad responsibilities of that office, and during temporary absences of the National Adjutant from The American Legion National Headquarters, acts for him.

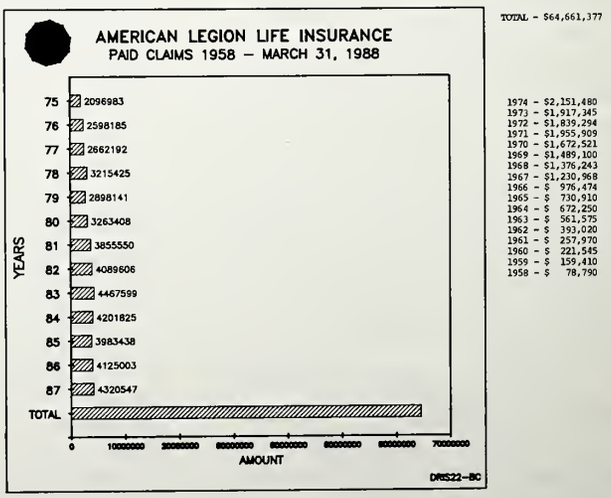
2) He heads the Administrative Services Division and through it supervises and coordinates the many administrative functions of the Indianapolis Headquarters.

3) He serves on the Personnel Committee of the Headquarters and is Chairman of the Management Review Board.

4) He coordinates EDP-Computer operations, which has a Director reporting to the Executive Director.

Included in the Administrative Services Division of the Indianapolis Headquarters are the following administrative functions: Purchasing, Graphic Arts, General Supply . . . stock, receiving, and shipping; Library, Archives, E.A. Blackmore Museum;





Printing and Communications; building maintenance; Cafeteria; Personnel Division, Finance section and Insurance section.

The Administrative Services Division also provides all secretarial assistance to the executive officers of The American Legion.

COMPUTER CENTER

The Computer Center is currently responsible for the following programs:

Revenue Enhancement selections for mailings, maintenance of Data Base and reporting system.

Updating of *The American Legion Magazine,* Membership, SAL, *Firing Line, Advance,* Commanders and Adjutants file, *Legislative Bulletin,* and *ALNS* mailing lists, and printing of labels and renewal notices.

Maintenance of the mailing lists for *The American Legion Extension Institute, ACT,* and the *Veterans Economic Guardian.*

Direct membership renewal notices and registers.

The printing of membership cards and registers, Department accounting reports, statistical information, Post questionnaire reports and Delinquent Member lists.

The printing of Department paper mailing labels.

PUFL members updating and financial checks.

Emblem Sales invoices and reports (mini-computer in Emblem Sales).

Audit control and circulation analysis report for *The American Legion Magazine.*

Inventory control and purchase order control of National Headquarters.

General ledger financial reports.

Accounts receivable.

Accounts payable.

Retirement Investment program.

Furniture and Fixtures Inventory and Depreciation reports.

Direct mail solicitation program.

National Commission and Committee list.

Post Office carrier route discount processing on all Department labels and Direct Billing.

Select and create disks for Department Member Roster for input to the Department computers. Select and provide Department Membership on microfiche. □

Public Relations Commission

Douglas W. Henley (MD), Chairman

Hubert R. Dagley, II (IN), Director

The National Public Relations Commission strives to enhance the efforts of all National Commissions by increasing public awareness and understanding of the programs and positions of The American Legion.

During the 1987-1988 Legion year the Commission achieved key objectives and provided critical support of major legislative initiatives in cooperation with the Policy Coordination and Action Group and the Veterans Planning and Coordinating Committee.

The Commission developed special communications materials including a special print and videotaped Central America report, and conducted extensive media campaigns to support continued aid to the Nicaraguan Resistance Fighters.

The Public Relations Commission also created special targeted mailing materials in cooperation with the Legislative Commission to assure movement of a bill to elevate the Veterans Administration to cabinet-level status from a Senate Sub-Committee without unacceptable amendments.

As the Chairman of the Public Relations Commission I continued to represent the commission on the Policy Coordination and Action Group and the Veterans Planning and Coordinating Committee. The Commission continues to provide the latest communications technology and detailed media planning to support the efforts of these two groups.

For the third year in a row the Commission and staff have coordinated the National Convention Festival. This year's Labor Day event at

Douglas W. Henley

Churchill Downs race track provides activities for family entertainment and continues to be an event attracting more members to the National Convention city.

This Legion program year, the Commission has directed changes in several on-going programs, including the Fourth Estate Award, aiming for modernization. It has been reduced in size, redesigned and will be presented in a new "pylon" format during the convention. The first presentation of the new award is to Billy Cox, a reporter for the Florida Today newspaper.

With the approval of the National Executive Committee during the Spring meetings a new Public Relations Media Awards Program is underway. All departments have been provided information and the first awards in the program are scheduled to be made in 1989 at participating department conventions or other appropriate department functions.

The Commission's audiovisual activity continues to expand with four new videotape and/or slide productions introduced, each of which is in support of Legion program divisions. Radio and television public service announcements also were produced

The National Commander's Public Relations Award was presented to the Nicaraguan newspaper La Prensa during The American Legion Washington Conference. Public Relations Chairman Douglas Henley brought the award to an empty chair on stage since the newspaper's publisher was unable to attend the event. The award will remain on prominent display in the Legion's Washington office until a time when it can be made in a Democratic Nicaragua.

on a recurring basis with continued above average results.

A special billboard was designed and made available to support the Legion's "Get Out The Vote" effort. This is the third year the Commission has provided billboard materials at the request of departments.

The National Commander's 1988 Public Relations Award for the first time in history went to an organization outside the United Sates. Commander Comer honored the independent Nicaraguan newspaper, La Prensa, for dedication to the ideals of a free press in a highly restrictive environment. The owner of La Prensa, Violetta Chamarro, was unable to attend the Washington Conference to accept the award because of travel arrangement difficulties and on-going operational demands of the newspaper. The Public Relations Award is being housed in the lobby of the Legion's Washington Office until such time as it can be presented to the management of La Prensa in a free Nicaragua.

The Commission is continuing to integrate new staff capabilities. A full-time photojournalist has made the development of photo feature materials a reality and is helping the Commission achieve increased awareness of the organization in new media and markets.

The Commission continued to coordinate the organization's participation in the Indianapolis 500 Festival Parade. The Legion gains increased national exposure through the extensive television network established for coverage of the parade.

While all of the special efforts were undertaken by the Commission, routine projects continued. The Commission provides timely and effective support for the National Commander and other Legion officers. Suggested speeches for patriotic holidays and other special days, along with special holiday artwork and cooperative advertisements, are available to all posts (and members who ask) through the *American Legion News Service.* The publication of *Advance* and the National Headquarters Employee publication, *Logon,* also are Commission responsibilities.

This has been an exciting year for the Public Relations Commission. On behalf of the Public Relations Commission members, I thank the national officers, members of the National Executive Committee and the many commissions, committees and their staff divisions for asking for our support of their program efforts. This continued outstanding support is visible evidence of the forward looking, progressive nature, of The American Legion. □

Finance Commission

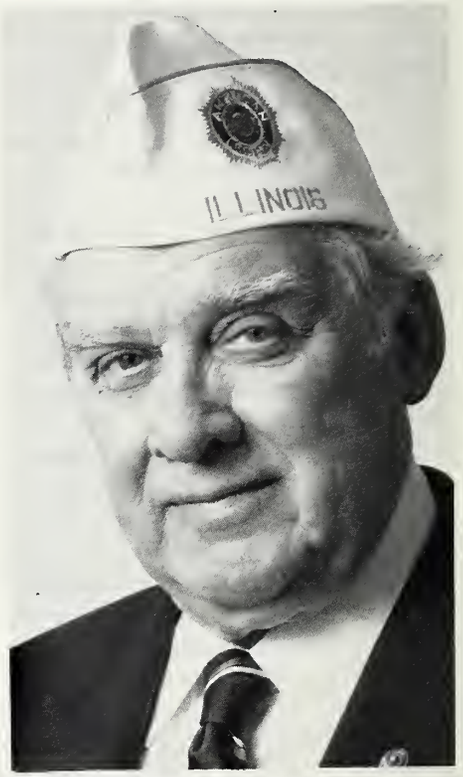
George W. Boucek (IL), Chairman

Webber LaGrange (IN), National Treasurer

Paul M. Allen (MN), Director

The primary obligation of the Finance Commission is to prepare a yearly budget for submission to the National Executive Committee, the handling of funds under that budget, and the exercise of reasonable oversight to see that the various divisions and departments of the National Organization operate within the approved appropriations. The Finance Commission is composed of seven members, with the National Adjutant as ex-officio secretary, and the National Commander and National Treasurer are ex-officio members. Also attending these meetings are the Executive Director of our Washington and Indianapolis offices and the Finance Director, as well as our Liaison observers from the National Executive Committee.

The National Organization had an operating surplus of $349,813 for the year 1987. In 1987, we received $5.50 dues per member, which is allocated



George W. Boucek

as follows: $2.75 to the General Fund; $2.50 to The American Legion Magazine; and $.25 to Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

The income of the National Organization is derived from annual membership dues, interest on investments, Magazine advertisements, Emblem sales, contributions, and other approved activities.

A full financial statement is incorporated in the Auditor's report, and in addition, your attention is directed to the Reports of Committees

and Trusts which come under the jurisdiction of this Commission, which reports can be found elsewhere in this program.

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.

American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation

American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee

American Legion Emblem Committee

American Legion Overseas Graves Decoration Trust □

Condensed Report On National Emblem Sales Division

Frank Johnston (IL), Chairman

Alfred L. Lankenau (IN), General Manager

The American Legion emblem is the exclusive property of the National Headquarters. The sale of the emblem, emblem pins, merchandise carrying the emblem and other items of organizational equipment is the responsibility of the National Headquarters in Indianapolis. The following tables show gross sales, net earnings, etc., for the entire calendar year 1987 and for the first three months of 1988.

January 1, to December 31, 1987, (12 months)

Gross Sales	$5,422,115
Cost of Goods Sold	3,146,145
Overhead	1,526,351
Operating Profit	749,619

(Number of orders processed for first 3 months of 1987 was 14,550.)

January 1, to March 31, 1987, (3 months)

Gross Sales	$1,635,887
Cost of Goods Sold	975,869
Overhead	381,296
Operating Profit	278,722

(Number of orders processed for first 3 months of 1988 was 14,944.) □

National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

Wm. F. Lenker (SD), Chairman

John F. Sommer, Jr. (OH), Director

William F. Lenker

The most significant occurrence in the area of veterans affairs during the past year has been the progression of the legislation relating to cabinet status for the Veterans Administration. For many years, The American Legion has championed the fight to make the Veterans Administration an Executive Department. Delegates to our National Conventions have consistently approved resolutions mandating The American Legion to support legislation that would accomplish such action. Through these resolutions, The American Legion continued to stress that veterans and their dependents, and survivors of deceased veterans, bring the potential beneficiary population up to about 45% of the population of the United States. The American Legion believes there should be a clear-cut channel by which the Administrator of Veterans Affairs can regularly supply facts and counsel to the President and, in turn, receive the President's guidance and support.

The American Legion, under the direction of the National Commander, made a concerted effort to ensure that the legislation successfully passed through the legislative process in the Senate without being saddled with an unrelated amendment that could have killed the bill altogether. It was only through the diligent work of the entire organization — from the grass roots contacts with key members of Congress to the personal involvement of the National Commander — that this monumental task was accomplished.

The National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission has recently implemented *The American Legion Award Program to Enhance the Lives of Citizens with Disabilities*. The purpose of this award program, developed as a cooperative effort between The American Legion and the National Organization on Disability, and funded through the J.C. Penney Company, is to increase the involvement of American Legion Posts in programs to enhance the lives of persons with disabilities, and to recognize and reward those who do so in the most complete and innovative manner. Prizes will be awarded from a $3,000 prize fund provided by the J.C. Penney Company.

The goal of this new award program is to improve and promote the full participation of disabled veterans, and all other citizens with disabilities, in each and every aspect of daily life, and particularly in the activities of their communities.

This year the award program is focusing on the creation and expansion of opportunities for citizens with disabilities to physically register to vote and go to the polls and cast their ballots in the important elections that

are taking place in 1988. This will help to ensure that all citizens are able to participate in the electoral process, which is a long-standing goal of The American Legion.

The American Legion continues to monitor the impact of the Means Test as it relates to the provision of medical care to nonservice-connected veterans, across the VA system. Field Representatives continue to gather pertinent information during their regularly scheduled visitations to VA medical centers. Statistics provided by VA consistently show that less than 3% of the total veteran population utilizing VA medical centers are Category C veterans; those veterans whose incomes exceed the eligibilty level established by law. These data confirm what The American Legion has stated for years; specifically that the VA system is being utilized by the sickest, poorest, and oldest of our veteran population.

While attention is generally focused on our legislative endeavors and other administrative activities, the fact remains that service to individual veterans and their dependents continues to be one of the most important responsibilities of the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission. □

Chester Stellar, Vice Chairman of the VA&R Commission chairs the March 1, 1988, session of the annual conference in Washington, DC.

Economic Commission

Bruce Thiesen (CA),
Chairman

Dennis K. Rhoades (CA),
Director

During the past year, the National Economic Commission has focused on major reform legislation affecting the Federal government's veterans employment programs. These efforts culminated in the passage of P.L. 100-323, which was signed by the President on May 20, 1988. Eight of the Commission's twenty-two resolutions were satisfied in whole or in part by the new law, which substantially revises chapter 41 of Title 38, U.S. Code.

Veterans employment programs, which are chiefly operated or funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, have suffered for many years from lack of accountability, unstable budgets, and inattention to the job skills training needs of veterans. The new law represents a comprehensive attempt to attend to many of the problems which have hampered the efforts of the employment and training system over the years to provide quality service to unemployed and underemployed veterans. The new legislation accomplishes this goal in several ways.

First, P.L. 100-323 addresses the instability and erosion of funding for Local Veterans Employment Representatives (LVERs) who are stationed in the nation's State Employment Service Offices throughout the nation. In 1980, there were approximately 2000 such LVERs; in 1988, there were only 1252. Under the new law, a statutory level of 1600 positions has been established, thereby halting further reductions in this vital program. Performance standards and new accountability procedures are also included.

Second, the law establishes by statute the National Veterans Training Institute (NVTI) which will improve the skills of workers in the veterans

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employment and training system. The Institute was established administratively two years ago by the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans Employment and Training (ASVET), and has enjoyed considerable success in training over 1200 veteran-dedicated personnel in the Employment Service.

Third, P.L. 100-323 for the first time provides authority for effective monitoring of the use of veterans preference by Federal agenices. Federal personnel practices have become increasingly decentralized over the past decade, and there has previously been no effective means of assuring that such agencies were adhering to the veterans preference requirements of the law. The new monitoring function has been assigned to the Department of Labor's Directors for Veterans Employment and Training (DVET) in each state. DVET's will also have the authority, for the first time, to monitor activities under the decentralized Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA).

Finally, the new legislation will reauthorize the Veterans Job Training Act (VJTA) through the end of 1989, at a funding level of $60 million per year. This is the first multiyear reauthorization since the program's

Rep. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery, Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, talks with National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer during the National Forum on "Workforce 2000 and American's Veterans".

inception in 1983. Included in the reauthorization are extensive counseling provisions designed to assist veteran participants in selecting and adjusting to their training programs.

The passage of P.L. 100-323 represents the completion of the first of a two phase initiative by the National Economic Commission to reform the Nation's veterans employment and training system. The Commission has already begun work on provisions of the law contained in Chapters 42 and 43 of Title 38, which provide for affirmative action in the hiring and advancement of disabled and Vietnam-era veterans, the employment of veterans in the Federal workforce, and reemployment rights.

Earlier this year, the Commission participated in the planning and operation of a National Forum on Workforce 2000 and America's Veterans, sponsored by the Secretary of Labor's Committee on Veterans Employment, of which the Legion is a member. Workforce 2000 is the name of a study conducted by the Labor Department, which disclosed major changes in the nature of jobs and the workforce which will take place between now and the end of the century. The Forum examined the role of veterans in the labor force over the next twelve years and developed recommendations for legislative and administrative change. The final findings of the Forum are scheduled to be released in late summer of 1988.

One of the most urgent concerns of the National Economic Commission has been the failing health of the VA's Home Loan Guaranty program. Over the past decade economic conditions, including inflation, rising interest rates, and national, as well as regional, recessions, have forced the VA to absorb increasing program costs owning to high rates of default and foreclosure. Moreover, income from the VA's Direct Loan portfolio, which helped supplement the VA's available income to pay off foreclosures, has been largely depleted owing to the sale of the portfolio to the private sector at heavily discounted prices. Proceeds from these sales were used to help offset growing Federal budget deficits. The Commission has been working with Congress to seek new supplemental income for the family.

The Commission worked earlier this year with the Congress in the development of P.L. 100-198 to effect changes in the VA Home Loan program which would provide for financial counseling for veterans experiencing difficulty in meeting mortgage payments, with a view toward preventing foreclosures. The legislation also addressed the issue of assumption of VA loans, which has been a major concern of the Legion. Under prior law, a VA mortgage could be assumed without requiring a credit check of the new buyer. While the assumability of VA loans is of great advantage to the veteran, particularly during times of high interest rates , the veteran remained liable to the VA for the mortgage in event of foreclosure, unless a release of liability and resulting credit check was obtained. P.L.100-198 now requires such determination of credit worthiness on the part of the buyer, and provides for an automatic release of liability for the veterans. The legislation also changed the guaranty formula, to allow for greater use of the benefit by veterans living in areas with high housing costs. □

National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer chats with Constance Horner, Director of the Office of Personnel Management during the "Workforce 2000 and America's Veterans."

National Commander Comer greets Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans Employment and Training during the National Forum in Washington.

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The American Legion Magazine Commission

Milford A. Forrester (SC), Chairman

Daniel S. Wheeler (IN), Publisher/Editor-in-Chief

Milford A. Forrester

For the second consecutive year, The American Legion Magazine achieved record advertising revenues — this year exceeding $5,200,000 — and was ranked fourth out of all major magazines in the nation in Writer's Digest's top 100 markets for non-fiction, free-lance writers.

The advertising revenues were generated through a highly coordinated sales effort by the magazine's advertising department and its Publisher's Representatives, Fox Associates, Inc., which has offices in six major cities across the nation.

The editorial recognition resulted from a Writer's Digest survey of hundreds of magazine editors and writers who were queried about magazine policies and practices in 20 key areas. Areas of concern included fees paid to authors, turnaround time on queries, authors' involvement in the editing process, methods of revision, recognition afforded authors, completeness of writer's guidelines and editorial instructions, and the overall level of editorial-staff professionalism in dealing with authors in general.

We're proud of our achievement in this area because it confirms publicly the editorial standards The American Legion Magazine has long practiced. It also helps to explain why the magazine is able to attract first-class writers and experts month after month in order to provide our readers with a quality editorial product featuring not only substantive articles about current events, but also material that covers the gamut of human interest.

Several such noted experts were featured in our May issue, which was devoted almost exclusively to the strategic defense of America. Among them were: Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci, Ambassador Edward Rowny; former Assistant Secretary of Defense, Richard N. Perle; and a leading proponent of SDI, Dr. Robert Jastrow.

We are also pleased to report that our widely acclaimed Constitution issue (September 1987) continues to generate high praise and requests for additional copies. In addition to our usual 2.7 million circulation, we distributed more than 25,000 extra copies to schools, other private institutions and collectors.

During the past year, the magazine has added several new editorial areas in response to reader requests. Among those introduced this year are: a series on Medal of Honor recipients; a financial column titled "Money Sense"; and a series on the great battles of World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam titled "Battle Report."

In the operational area, the magazine experienced increases in the cost of both body and cover paper of more than $700,000 on an annual basis, and a postal increase that added $65,000 to our annual expenses. Despite these escalations, the magazine's budget remains intact, and we expect to finish the year at or below budget, primarily due to our anticipation of a third successive year of record advertising revenues, this year expected to surpass $5.5 million.

In order to further bolster advertising revenues, the magazine began a series of trade-publication advertisements in June. These ads are aimed at increasing industry awareness of the value of The American Legion Magazine as an advertising medium. Moreover, they seek to create a market where none has previously existed, a unique veterans market.

Our research data indicate that veterans are a unique vertical market in that they hunt and fish more than the general population; they save and invest more; they travel more; they "Buy American"; and they tend to be loyal, repeat customers for any business concern that provides value for each dollar spent. Should we succeed in proving this point to the advertising industry, ad revenues will continue to reach record heights.

The magazine has been the main channel of communication between the national headquarters and Legionnaires for seven decades. During this time, it has enjoyed a reputation for high quality content and dedication to traditional American values, as well as compassionate and adequate care for our nation's veterans, their families, their widows and orphans. Our goal this year is to seek innovative ways to make the magazine the best it has ever been.

Only in that state of forced change can we hope to satisfy the demands of our memberhship and to fulfill the mandate of the National Executive Committees of 1922 and 1926, which directed that "The American Legion Magazine shall be built into an institution of public service, not alone for The American Legion, but for all Americans, which shall be one of the enduring monuments of this organization."

We eagerly look forward to meeting that challenge, and we invite each of our members to share with us any and all ideas they may have concerning ways we can better serve our fellow veterans and their families. □

Foreign Relations Commission

William M. Detweiler, (LA), Chairman

G. Michael Schlee (MD), Director

This year, the Foreign Relations Commission has placed priority effort on building support for emerging democracies in Central America, opposing communist domination of that vital region, seeking thorough review of nuclear arms control agreements to ensure they are equal and verifiable, and expanding public awareness of the POW/MIA issue.

National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer urged implementation of the American Legion's foreign relations program during his meetings with President Reagan, Deputy Secretary of State Whitehead, and Congressional leaders. Other methods of program implementation included cooperation with the Legislative Division in seeking legislative action and articles published in *The American Legion Magazine* on such topics as the POW/MIA issue and Central America.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Mr. Morris D. Busby, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, reviewed the provisions of the Central American Peace Plan and emphasized the urgent necessity to pass legislation providing continuous aid for the contras.

General Alfred M. Gray, Jr., Commandant, United States Marine Corps, presented a comprehensive discussion of key personnel, readiness, equipment, and training issues facing the Marine Corps today and those anticipated in the future.

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Philippines, Republic of Korea, South America, and Central America.

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POW/MIA

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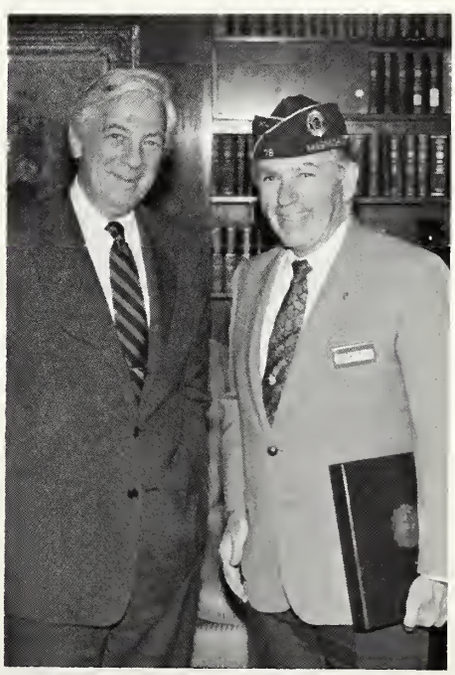
The Special POW/MIA Committee met during the Washington Conference to review activities for 1987 and plan for 1988. The Public Awareness Program for 1988 will include emphasis on the "write Hanoi" campaign, participation in POW/MIA



National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer meets with Deputy Secretary of State John C. Whitehead to discuss Legion foreign policy priorities.

National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer pays a visit with the honorable William H. Taft IV, Deputy Secretary of Defense in Washington DC.

commemorations on designated holidays, participation in National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies in September, support for issuance of a POW/MIA stamp by the U.S. Postal Service, and publication of articles on the POW/MIA issue.

During the 70th National Convention, the Special POW/MIA Committee will operate a POW/MIA Information Booth, and we will invite everyone to come by and learn more about this vital issue.

FOREIGN RELATIONS BRIEFING

The Foreign Relations Commission and Public Relations Commission have prepared an audio-visual briefing explaining the foreign relations program of The American Legion and the Auxiliary. The briefing lasts 25 minutes and is supported by eighty 35-mm slides. VCR tapes of the briefing are available for loan from the Public Relations Division or purchase from National Emblem Sales. □

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National Legislative Commission

Gary W. Sammons (MI), Chairman

E. Philip Riggin (MD), Director

The primary mission of the National Legislative Commission is to promote the legislative mandates of The American Legion before the Congress of the United States. The legislative program is dictated by resolutions adopted at either a National Convention or meetings of the National Executive Committee.

The Legislative Commission does not set policy for The American Legion. The Commission, through its Washington, DC legislative staff, concentrates its efforts on carrying out Legion objectives. The National Legislative News Bulletin and other Legion publications help to keep the members of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary abreast of Congressional activity affecting veterans and their families.

As a result of National Convention and National Executive Committee action, there are more than 260 active resolutions which establish the organization's positions on issues before Congress. These issues range from immigration reform to military weaponry. In order to properly communicate Legion opinion on all these matters, it is expected that the Commission staff will present testimony on 50-60 occasions during the Second Session of the 100th Congress.

As with the previous year, the principal item of business in 1987 was producing a federal budget. When the President's original budget request for Fiscal Year 1988 was declared "dead on arrival" on Capitol Hill in late January, a stalemate developed which continued until Mid-October. At that

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time, the stock market "collapse" spurred the nation's leadership to convene an unprecedented budget summit between the White House and Congress in November. Again, in 1987, a series of stop-gap funding measures was necessary to keep the federal government operating because none of the 13 regular appropriations bills (usually passed each year to fund the federal government) were approved. Omnibus appropriations legislation was enacted in December (Public Law 100-202), the single largest appropriations measure ever passed by Congress. In addition, a set of spending guidelines for FY 1989 were agreed to, which will hopefully avoid many of the confrontations which characterized the First Session of the 100th Congress.

P.O. 100-202 contains $606 billion in appropriations, including: $292 billion for the Defense Department, $13 billion less than the adminstration had requested; $13.6 billion in foreign aid; and, $27.1 billion for the Veterans Administration. Furthermore, incoming Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci requested that each of the three services make at least $1 billion in cuts in areas under their jurisdiction to

accommodate budget targets agreed to at the November 1987 summit. There have been some indications that each of the services, besides cutting out programs, may be forced to reduce troop levels in the near future.

On June 1, 1987 the President enacted P.L. 100-48, which made the New GI Bill a permanent part of the military's recruitment and retention program. Enrollments of new enlistees have steadily increased since its inception, with overall enrollment averaging nearly fifty percent. In addition, since January 1986 GI BIll enrollments for the selected reserve have increased by more than thirty thousand.

Late in 1987, President Reagan signed legislation which made significant modifications in the VA's home loan guaranty system. The new law creates a new two-tiered system; for mortgages of $45,000 or less the VA will guarantee 50 percent of the loan; for mortgages over $45,000 the VA will back 40 percent of the loan or $36,000, whichever is lower. The new law also set up a variety of safeguards to aid veterans in danger of defaulting on their loans.

A variety of other initiatives were still unresolved as the First Session ended. Among legislation still awaiting further action are: a bill to elevate the VA to an executive Department; a measure to give service connection to veterans exposed ionizing radiation during and after World War II atomic blasts; and, continuing aid to the Nicaraguan resistance fighters. In addition, the Presidential and congressional elections this year will encourage Congress to wrap up business by early October in order that all House members and one third of the Senators can return to their home states to campaign. □

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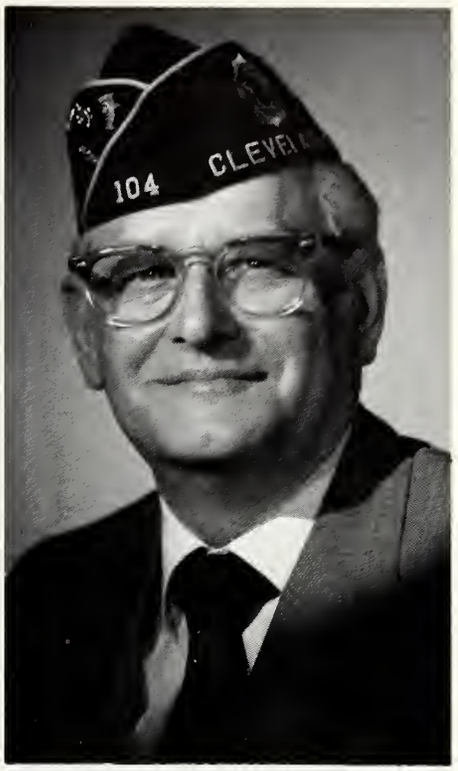
National Security Commission

Roger A. Munson (OH), Chairman

G. Michael Schlee (MD), Director



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The National Security Commission, its Standing Committees and the National Security Council had a very active year in 1987-88.

In August of 1987, 160 members of the National Security Commission visited various Air Force and Army installations only minutes away from the Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas. The visit began at Fort Sam Houston with an overview briefing on the 5th U.S. Army followed by a tour of the Medical Training Center. At Randolph Air Force Base, Commission members lunched at the officer's club and received additional orientations from instructor pilots, a tactical fighter squadron, and from the Headquarters of the Air Force Military Personnel Center. The following day, the main attraction included the review of a Basic Military Training Squadron graduation which was followed by a luncheon with trainees in their dining facility. That afternoon, Commission members toured the Aerospace Medical Division and witnessed flight demonstrations at Kelly Air Force Base. At Lackland AFB, members received a briefing and tour of the U.S. Air Force's Officer Training School. Overall, this was an activity-packed and rewarding two days.

Mr. Anthony Sokolowski, Adjutant, American Legion Union Park Post #242, Orlando, Florida presents The American Legion Bronze General Military Excellence award to Air Force Cadet James Dowdy, an Aerospace Engineering major from Orlando attending the University of Central Florida.

PRE-CONVENTION MEETINGS

The National Security Commission met at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 22, in a joint session with the Foreign Relations Commission.
One of the featured speakers included General Max Thurman, Commanding General of the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, who addressed the status of training, training development, and doctrine in the United States Army. The Honorable

Sergeant Major (Ret) Robert Sandt, American Legion Post #333 presents The American Legion Silver General Military Excellence award to Air Force Cadet Barbara Ochsner, a Meterology major, attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Gaston Sigur, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, provided an overview of Asian Pacific security concerns to include the political situation in the Republic of Korea.

Generals Larry Welch and Carl Vuono, Chiefs of Staff of the Air Force and Army, respectively, addressed delegates before the entire Convention. Both made references to leadership, training and modernization challenges facing their respective Services in the years ahead.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Morning Session, February 29: The National Security Commission and Foreign Relations Commission met in joint session. Mr. Morris Busby, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, described the Guatemala City II Peace Plan as a "basic deal" or "fundamental swap" in the region and pointed out that the Sandinistas, in accepting its provisions, agreed to become a pluralistic society and to allow Nicaraguans to compete politically in a democratic system. He said there were two things that needed to be done if the U.S. is to continue to try and move the peace effort forward: A package of legislation which will allow the Nicaraguan Resistance to continue; and the U.S. must send a signal to the Sandinistas, and to all the governments of Central America, that we are in this for the long haul.

General Alfred M. Gray, Jr., Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, presented a comprehensive discussion of key personnel, readiness, equipment and training issues facing the Marine Corps and those anticipated in the future. General Gray stressed that the Marine Corps was returning to the basic fundamental that every Marine, regardless of specialty, was to be trained and prepared for potential combat roles.

Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead pointed out that great strides for democracy have occurred in the Philippines, Republic of Korea, South America, and Central America. He announced three principal foreign policy goods for 1988: To move ahead in the strategic arms reduction talks with the Soviet Union; to continue

National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer talks with Lt. Gen. Herbert R. Temple, Jr., Chief, National Guard Bureau in Washington DC during one of the National Commanders visit to the city.

General Alfred Gray, Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, addressing the National Security Commission at the last Washington conference.

support for the growth of democracy in Central America; and to encourage negotiations between the Arabs and Israelis to achieve peace. Secretary Whitehead stressed that only 1.5 percent of the Federal budget is spent on foreign affairs. Further cuts in that area could cause grave damage to U.S. national security. Additionally, congressional "micromanagement" of foreign affairs frequently restricts the Executive Branch's ability to conduct foreign policy effectively.

The National Security Commission attended the speech by President Reagan which was followed by the POW/MIA Open Forum. During the forum, Mr. Richard Childress, National Security Council Staff, explained the U.S. Government's overall strategy on the Indochina POW/MIA issue. General Robert Kingston, USA (Ret.), reported on the mission to Hanoi last August by General John Vessey during which the Vietnamese promised to accelerate progress and cooperation.

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the Vietnamese of the American people's determination to achieve progress on the issue. National Commander Albert Bland of the American Ex-POW's explained his organization's efforts to encourage more countries to sign the Geneva Convention on treatment of POW's so that in future wars prisoners would be humanely treated according to civilized standards.

Morning Session, March 2: Following the morning business sessions, the National Security Commission met in joint session with the Foreign Relations Commission. Lieutenant General Herbert Temple, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, addressed the increasing national security role of the Army and Air Force National Guard in the Total Force and how various aspects of Total Force policy are being tested. This was especially true with regard to National Guard training missions in Honduras and Panama which evoked the dissent of several State Governors. The resultant "Montgomery Amendment" still requires the Governors' approval of training missions, but limits the rationale for disapproval of legitimate State emergencies.

Ambassador Kenneth Adelman, former Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, presented arguments in favor of ratification of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty. He said the treaty is based on a U.S. proposal of 1981, cuts more Soviet than American nuclear capability, contains unprecedented intrusive on-site inspection procedures, and represents several significant concessions by the Soviets. Looking to the future, he advocated caution in concluding a strategic arms reduction treaty. He emphasized the difficulties of arriving at acceptable force level sub-limits and verification procedures.

BLOOD DONOR ACTIVITIES

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary continue to be principal sources of supply for blood. Through our vast network of Posts and Units organized into Department programs, Legionnaires and Auxiliary members through a variety of programs continue to supply the blood needs of their own members, hospitalized veterans and through cooperative agreements to patients in civilian hospitals. In this past year, the program has continued to grow.

National Commander John P. "Jake" Comer and NECman Juan H. Cintron (Puerto Rico) visit with Cardinal Obando y Bravo, Archbishop of Nicaragua in Managua, Nicaragua during the National Commander's extensive visit to Central America in December 1987.

NATIONAL COMMANDER AWARDS

To stimulate activities on the part of Departments and Posts, annual awards are made by the National Commander. In the period from June 1, 1986 through May 31, 1987, many Departments of The American Legion actively participated in the Blood Donor program. The criteria for the National Commander's Awards for Post and individual participation was based on Resolution 14, adopted at the Spring meeting, May 8-9, 1985 of the National Executive Committee. The resolution provides that departments be placed in one of five groups based on the size of the department, using criteria established by the Membership and Post Activities Committee. Each participating Department has received a certificate of recognition signed by National Commander James P. Dean and National Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle.

ROTC MEDALS

Departments having ROTC units supported ROTC programs by either awarding or encouraging Posts under their jurisdiction to award and participate in The American Legion's ROTC Medal Program. Response to this program has been outstanding. During the period from July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1987, 1,299 medals were awarded to deserving ROTC and Junior ROTC candidates. Presentations of medals were made to ROTC units in 40 states and the District of Columbia.

PAUL H. GRIFFITH ROTC TROPHY

The National Executive Committee at their October 1975 meeting approved Resolution 21 which established the Paul H. Griffith Trophy for the ROTC program in their states during the year. The trophy honors the memory of Past National Commander Paul H. Griffith, who served as an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and throughout his lifetime maintained an active interest and participation in our nation's defense.

Criterion for judging the winner of the trophy is based on the Department giving the greatest degree of support to ROTC programs to include the number of medals presented and Legion participation in award day ceremonies. Last year's winner of the Paul H. Griffith Trophy was the Department of New Mexico. □

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Convention Center

Saturday, September 2

Main Lobby — 9:00-1:30

Wednesday, September 7

Exhibit Hall — 8:30-12:30

Affiliated Organizations

As it has for the past 67 years, the American Legion Auxiliary continued to function during administrative year 1987-1988 as an aide to The American Legion. Over the years the Auxiliary has effectively supported the programs and principles of the Legion while maintaining a separate identity and pursuing programs of interest and concern to the members of the Auxiliary.

Under the leadership of Pearl Behrend, National President, the Auxiliary has actively and successfully supported and contributed to the special project of National Commander John "Jake" Comer, whose goal was to raise $1 million for the Legion's Child Welfare Foundation.

While assisting the Legion with its endeavor, the Auxiliary also supported the youth of America in numerous other ways. A special project this year was the establishment of Womens Resource Centers to provide a source of information on available services to suicidal teens; sexually, physically and psychologically abused children; runaways and pregnant teenagers and abused women.

In addition, the Auxiliary has continued to provide for the educational needs of our youth by generating almost $1 million in scholarship funds. The Past Presidents Parley once again came through with $100,000 in scholarship funds for students specializing in nursing.

To promote the ideals of democracy and patriotism, the Auxiliary provided funding for more than 20,000 young women to attend Girls State programs in their respective states to learn about state and local government. An additional 98 young women earned the honor of becoming Girls Nation "Senators" and traveled to Washington, D.C., at Auxiliary expense to learn about the federal governmental system.

Young people across the nation and around the globe benefited from the Auxiliary's Children and Youth program with $1.27 million donated in direct aid, $1.26 million given to organizations assisting children and an additional $912,000 raised for child-oriented programs bringing the total of expenditures for children to more than $4 million. Auxiliary members also gave of themselves, not just from their pocketbooks, and spent more than 1 million volunteer hours with child-related activities.

International unrest was at the forefront of concern for National President Behrend, who made two trips to Panama in support of democracy and the forces of the Southern Command stationed there. She carried the message of what can happen in a totalitarian state to members and friends of the Auxiliary across the nation by relating a message given to her by a former serviceman who was captured and tortured by the specially-trained government forces in Panama.

Due respect to the American Indian and the American Indian veteran was another focus of National President Behrend. A funding source was established so that monies could be raised to help the Smithsonian Institution American Indian Division conduct a study of the contributions made by the native American.

Another concentration for the year was one of President Behrend's pet projects — the establishment of hospices. Labeled as a Community Service project, members were asked to work with VA medical centers and community hospitals to establish hospice centers so the terminally ill and aged could experience serenity and dignity during their final days.

Members reported assisting in the establishment of 257 new hospice units and devoted 140,000 volunteer hours and $86,000 to the project.

Our Junior members also were actively involved in Community Service projects donating 75,000 hours. The young members also spent 88,000 hours assisting with Children and Youth projects, 24,000 in the Auxiliary Poppy program and 56,000 hours with veteran assistance programs.

The primary thrust of Auxiliary programs for the past six decades has been the veteran and his or her family. This past year has been no exception.

Auxiliary members spent almost 3 million hours and $6.2 million serving 1 million hospitalized and homebound veterans. Although figures are tabulated on the concrete portions of the program, it would be impossible to put a dollar and cents figure on the amount of comfort and joy given by the 87,246 volunteers participating in the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation programs.

The Eight and Forty, an affiliate of the Auxiliary, worked to enhance the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary and The American Legion while concentrating on its special commitment of service to children with respiratory illnesses. In doing so, the Eight and Forty donated $26,000 to the Child Welfare Foundation, $52,000 to the National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine, $86,000 to respiratory — related illness organizations, purchased $59,403 in TB seals and provided $50,000 in nursing scholarships. More than 29,000 hours were spent and more than 33,000 children were assisted through their efforts. □

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Mr. John P. Comer, National Commander
The American Legion
National Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

We have examined the balance sheet of The American Legion National Headquarters as of December 31, 1987 and 1986 and the related statements of revenue, expenses and changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 1987. Our examinations were made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly the financial position of The American Legion National Headquarters at December 31, 1987 and 1986 and the results of its operations, changes in its fund balances and changes in its cash flows for the year ended December 31, 1987, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.

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Indianapolis, Indiana
March 31, 1988

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Balance

	December 31	
	1987	1986
Assets		
Current Fund:		
Cash	$ 301,773	$ 936,711
Accounts receivable:		
Emblem Division	88,989	84,928
Publications Division	541,507	401,801
Other	703,920	163,251
Accrued interest on investments	202,536	259,466
Inventories:		
Emblem Division	826,474	843,636
Publications Division	917,936	568,600
Prepaid expenses and supplies	267,364	211,625
Prepaid pension expense	1,337,197	661,439
Deferred membership expense	139,784	655,435
Deferred direct membership solicitation expense	2,560,916	3,250,449
Deferred revenue enhancement expense	762,736	246,947
Postal deposits	52,000	55,414
	8,703,132	8,339,702
Investments—note 2:		
Segregated for Designated Funds	10,761,606	9,897,626
Segregated for Washington, D.C. building	562,692	538,776
Other	18,212,020	18,539,981
	29,536,318	28,976,383
Property and equipment:		
Washington, D.C. real estate:		
Land	80,000	80,000
Building	1,253,521	1,231,958
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment in:		
National Headquarters building, Indianapolis, Indiana	2,318,560	2,130,558
Washington, D.C. building	557,263	538,940
	4,209,344	3,981,456
Deduct: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	2,507,682	2,312,511
	1,701,662	1,668,945
	39,941,112	38,985,030
Nonexpendable Funds—note 6:		
Overseas Graves Decoration Fund:		
Cash	21,965	35,324
Accrued interest on investments	11,885	9,515
Investments	664,047	607,822
	697,897	652,661
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund:		
Cash	221,875	179,375
Accrued interest on investments	94,623	76,119
Investments	6,674,936	5,967,913
	6,991,434	6,223,407
	$47,630,443	$45,861,098

See notes to financial statements.

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Exhibit A

Liabilities and Funds	December 31 1987	1986
Current Fund:		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	$ 1,027,232	$ 738,747
Capitalized lease obligations—note 3	98,764	115,912
Deposits on Emblem merchandise sales	159,862	175,974
Funds in transit to The American Legion Life Insurance Trust	793,855	698,449
Deferred dues income	12,169,143	12,557,333
Deferred income—direct membership solicitation	414,201	1,178,187
Deferred revenue enhancement income	815,907	33,448
Accrued vacation benefits	340,943	354,860
Provision for health insurance liability	44,984	40,000
Other liabilities	77,137	87,193
Total liabilities	15,942,028	15,980,103
Fund balances—notes 4 and 5:		
Restricted funds:		
Oratorical Contest Fund	150,849	161,669
Other restricted funds	(20,683)	54,920
Designated funds:		
The Restricted Fund	8,590,946	7,728,283
The Reserve Fund	2,170,661	2,169,343
	10,891,773	10,114,215
Appropriated funds	1,541,977	1,541,977
Unappropriated	11,565,334	11,348,735
Total fund balances	23,999,084	23,004,927
	39,941,112	38,985,030
Nonexpendable Funds—note 6:		
Overseas Graves Decoration Fund:		
Fund balance	697,897	652,661
	697,897	652,661
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund:		
Fund balance	6,991,434	6,223,407
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	$47,630,443	$45,861,098

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Statement of Revenue, Expenses
Current

Year Ended
1987

	Unappropriated	Appropriated Funds
Revenue:		
National dues	$15,573,694	
Sales of Emblem items	5,216,177	
Advertising revenue	5,141,562	
Investment income	1,578,620	
Direct membership solicitation	2,050,336	
Revenue enhancement	376,644	
American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation income—note 7	569,256	
Amounts withdrawn from The American Legion Life Insurance Trust—note 8	847,207	
Other restricted income	237,746	
Other income	1,092,451	
	32,683,693	
Expenses:		
Salaries	6,477,623	
Employee benefits—note 9	683,448	
Cost of sales	3,828,116	
Direct publication expenses	8,991,127	
Executive and staff travel	573,582	
Commission and committee	1,211,572	
Operational	4,579,213	
Office	3,407,201	
Occupancy	797,921	
Special projects and programs	1,784,076	
	32,333,879	
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	349,814	
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	11,348,735	$1,541,977
Interfund Transfers—note 4	(133,215)	
Fund Balances, End of Year	$11,565,334	$1,541,977

See notes to financial statements.

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and Changes in Fund Balances
Fund

December 31

		1986	
Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Current Fund		Total Current Fund
	$15,573,694		$14,878,899
	5,216,177		5,251,737
	5,141,562		3,639,380
$ 730,766	2,309,386		2,555,178
	2,050,336		1,208,667
	376,644		715,765
	569,256		444,015
109,000	956,207		1,208,882
54,933	292,679		287,508
	1,092,451		662,474
894,699	33,578,392		30,852,505
	6,477,623		6,165,311
	683,448		651,460
	3,828,116		3,480,522
	8,991,127		8,105,292
	573,582		585,142
	1,211,572		911,495
	4,579,213		3,864,779
	3,407,201		1,993,086
	797,921		799,552
250,356	2,034,432		1,567,677
250,356	32,584,235		28,124,316
644,343	994,157		2,728,189
10,114,215	23,004,927		20,276,738
133,215	—		—
$10,891,773	$23,999,084		$23,004,927
(Exhibit B Sheet 2)			

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Statement of Revenue, Expenses
Designated and
Year Ended

	Designated Funds	
	The Restricted Fund	The Reserve Fund
Revenue:		
Investment income	$ 729,448	$ 1,318
Amounts withdrawn from The American Legion Life Insurance Trust—note 8		
Restricted contributions		
	729,448	1,318
Expense:		
Special projects and programs		
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenses	729,448	1,318
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	7,728,283	2,169,343
Interfund Transfers—note 4	133,215	
Fund Balances, End of Year	$8,590,946	$2,170,661

See notes to financial statements.

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and Changes in Fund Balances
Restricted Funds
December 31, 1987

Exhibit B
Sheet 2

Restricted Funds		
Oratorical Contest Fund	Other Restricted Funds	Total Designated And Restricted Funds
		$ 730,766
$109,000		109,000
	$54,933	54,933
109,000	54,933	894,699
119,820	130,536	250,356
(10,820)	(75,603)	644,343
161,669	54,920	10,114,215
		133,215
$150,849	$(20,683)	$10,891,773

(Exhibit B
Sheet 1)

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Statement of Cash Flows — Year Ended Dec

	Current Fund	Overseas Graves Decoration Trust
Operating Activities:		
Excess of revenue over expenses	$ 994,157	$ 45,236
Add: Depreciation charged to operations not requiring cash	204,111	
Certain working capital transactions:		
Accounts receivable	(684,436)	
Accrued interest on investments	56,930	(2,370)
Inventories	(332,174)	
Prepaid expenses and supplies	(731,497)	
Deferred expenses	689,395	
Postal deposits	3,414	
Accounts payable	288,485	
Deposits on emblem merchandise sales	(16,112)	
Funds in transit to American Legion Life Insurance Trust	95,406	
Deferred income	(369,717)	
Accrued vacation	(13,917)	
Provision for health insurance liability	4,984	
Other liabilities	(10,056)	
Cash provided by operations	178,973	42,866
Investing activities:		
Additions to property and equipment	(236,828)	
Net (increase) in investments	(559,935)	(56,225)
	(796,763)	(56,225)
Financing activities:		
Principal payments under capital lease obligation	(17,148)	
Increase (Decrease) in cash	(634,938)	(13,359)
Cash, Beginning of the Year	936,711	35,324
Cash, End of the Year	$ 301,773	$ 21,965

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Increase (Decrease) in Cash
ember 31, 1987

Paid-Up For Life Membership Fees	1987 Total	1986 Total
$ 768,027	$ 1,807,420	$ 3,577,846
	204,111	206,802
(18,504)	(684,436)	(141,919)
	36,056	156,999
	(332,174)	174,350
	(731,497)	(750,079)
	689,395	(1,628,430)
	3,414	(1)
	288,485	(305,423)
	(16,112)	(13,417)
	95,406	122,140
	(369,717)	804,091
	(13,917)	38,620
	4,984	(5,000)
	(10,056)	2,241
749,523	971,362	2,238,820
	(236,828)	(358,932)
(707,023)	(1,323,183)	(1,949,014)
(707,023)	(1,560,011)	(2,307,946)
	(17,148)	(8,118)
42,500	(604,797)	(77,244)
179,375	1,151,411	1,228,654
$ 221,875	$ 545,613	$ 1,151,410

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Note 1—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

General: The American Legion National Headquarters (the Legion) is a national veterans organization which was declared to be a corporate body by an Act of the United States Congress on September 16, 1919.

According to the Original Act and Subsequent Amendments, the purpose of the Organization is: "To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to promote peace and good will among the peoples of the United States and all the nations of the earth; to preserve the memories and incidents of the two World Wars and the other great hostilities fought to uphold democracy; to cement the ties and comradeship born of service; and to consecrate the efforts of its members to mutual helpfulness and service of their country."

Basis of Presentation: The Legion generally reports for financial statement purposes on the accrual method of accounting, recognizing income when earned and expenses when incurred.

The Legion maintains its accounts on a fund accounting basis wherein the accountability for certain segments of its operations are presented in specific designated and restricted fund balances. Further, the Legion has designated certain amounts for future projects or purposes, which amounts are presented as appropriated funds in the accompanying financial statements.

The revenue and expenses of nonexpendable funds are not included in the Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances—Current Fund. Instead, they are recorded directly to the nonexpendable funds involved as set forth in the footnotes to the financial statements.

The amounts shown for 1986 in the accompanying Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances—Current Fund and Statement of Cash Flows are included only to provide a basis for comparison with 1987 amounts.

Accounts Receivable: The direct charge-off method is used to account for losses in collection of accounts receivable. An allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable is considered unnecessary by the Legion because all significant accounts expected to be uncollectible have been written off.

Inventories: Inventories, which consist of Emblem items held for sale and magazine paper and publication rights, are valued at the lower of cost or market. Supplies which are not intended for sale are expensed when purchased.

Investments: Investments are recorded at cost. Premiums or discounts on investments are generally recognized at the time of disposal or maturity.

Property and Equipment: Furniture, fixtures and equipment are carried at cost and are depreciated beginning in the year after acquisition on the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the assets involved. Leasehold improvements and repairs are expended when incurred.

Depreciation on the Washington, D.C. building, which was constructed in 1951, is computed on the straight-line method using a fifty-year life. Beginning in 1969, investments approximately equal to the accumulated depreciation on the building have been segregated. Income on these investments is unrestricted.

Depreciation expense amounted to $204,111 in 1987 and $206,802 in 1986.

Income: Dues are recognized as income in the applicable membership period which is on a calendar-year basis.

In addition to other methods of obtaining new members, the Legion uses direct mail and other direct marketing approaches. The income generated from the direct membership solicitation is recognized in the applicable membership period (calendar year) and the expenses incurred to obtain these memberships are deferred and written off in the period in which the income is recognized.

The Legion is involved in various revenue enhancement programs. The revenue and expenses related to the programs are recognized in the periods to which they apply.

Income from The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation and the American Legion Life Insurance Trust are recorded when received. These receipts are for projects and programs conducted in the year of receipt.

Pension Plan: The Legion has a defined-benefit pension plan covering substantially all of its employees, as well as those of certain affiliated and subordinated groups. The plan was established in 1944 by vote of the Legion's National Convention. Contributions to the plan are made by the Legion and other participating groups on the basis of annual actuarial valuations.

Federal Income Tax: The Legion is exempt from federal income tax (except on unrelated business income) under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Note 2—Investments (Current Fund):

The cost and market value of Current Fund investments are as follows:

	December 31			
	1987		1986	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
Segregated for Designated Funds:				
U.S. Government obligations	$ 8,320,503	$ 8,501,685	$ 8,619,467	$ 9,349,236
Accrued interest—restricted	238,585	238,585	276,818	276,818
Money market accounts	2,202,000	2,202,000	340,000	340,000
Uninvested cash	518	518	661,341	661,341
	10,761,606	10,942,788	9,897,626	10,627,395
Segregated for Washington, D.C. building:				
U.S. Government obligations	562,692	558,658	538,776	547,472
Other:				
U.S. Government obligations	14,862,020	14,940,676	16,689,981	16,735,505
Certificates of deposit	1,300,000	1,300,000	900,000	900,000
Repurchase Agreements	2,050,000	2,050,000	950,000	950,000
	18,212,020	18,290,676	18,539,981	18,585,505
Total investments	$29,536,318	$29,792,122	$28,976,383	$29,760,372

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Note 3—Capital and Operating Leases:

The Legion has entered into a lease agreement (which is accounted for as a capital lease) for the rental of a copier. The Legion has an option to purchase the equipment at the end of the original lease term at its fair market value. The Legion is liable for property taxes, insurance, and repairs and maintenance in connection with the leased copier. Cost and accumulated amortization of the capitalized lease was $128,395 and $42,798 at December 31, 1987 and $128,395 and $21,399 at December 31, 1986. Future minimum payments on the copier lease, together with the present value of the payments, is as follows:

Years ending December 31:	
1988	$ 31,397
1989	31,397
1990	31,397
1991	31,397
1992	2,618
Total future minimum payments	128,206
Less: Amount representing interest (approximately 13%)	29,442
Present value of future minimum payments	$98,764

The Legion also rents other computer equipment, copiers, and cash registers under operating leases. Total rental expense on these operating leases was approximately $129,000 in 1987 and $115,000 in 1986.

In addition, the Legion has a lease with the State of Indiana for rental of the National Headquarters building in Indianapolis through November, 1989. According to the terms of the lease, in lieu of rental payments the Legion is required to maintain the interior of the building, as well as provide adequate insurance on the building. The cost of maintenance approximated $288,000 in 1987 and $313,000 in 1986. Insurance coverage is included in the Legion's general insurance policy. The Legion has the option of renewing the lease on the same terms through November, 1993.

Note 4—Restricted and Designated Funds:

Receipts which are restricted by the donor are credited to the appropriate restricted fund, against which all expenditures for the related project or program are charged. Periodically, the Legion may add to restricted funds through allocations from unappropriated funds for specific future purposes and projects.

The Restricted Fund, a designated fund, is restricted as to use by action of the National Finance Commission and National Executive Committee. Earnings of the Fund, as well as principal, can be expended only on the recommendation of the National Finance Committee and a two-thirds affirmative vote of the National Executive Committee at two successive meetings. It is the policy of The American Legion to transfer 10% of the prior year's net income to the Restricted Fund. The effect of this for 1987 is $133,215.

The Reserve Fund, a designated fund, also is restricted as to use by action of the National Finance Commission and National Executive Committee. Earnings of the Fund may be used for the general operations of the Legion, but the principal can be expended only:

(a) By action of the Legion at its national convention, or

(b) By two-thirds affirmative vote of the National Executive Committee in two successive meetings not less than sixty days apart.

Note 5—Appropriated Funds and Interfund Transfers:

There were no interfund transfers during 1987 between unappropriated and appropriated funds. The balances of appropriated funds at December 31, 1987 and 1986 were as follows:

Computer Reserve	$ 500,000
Real Estate Reserve	841,977
Convention Reserve	100,000
Employee Insurance Premium Stabilization Reserve	100,000
Totals	$1,541,977

Note 6—Nonexpendable Funds:

The earnings of the Overseas Graves Decoration Fund are being used to honor, preserve and decorate the graves of those who served in the United States armed forces who are buried overseas. The Fund is to continue at the will of the National Convention of the Legion or the National Executive Committee. The Fund's trust agreement may be amended, changed or succeeded at the will of the National Executive Committee, provided that the purpose for which the Fund was created is retained.

In October, 1974, the National Executive Committee approved the establishment of a life membership plan available to any member of a participating department. In accordance with the plan, the assets of the Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund are segregated in a trust account from which funds equal to the annual dues of life members are withdrawn for current operations each year. The trust agreement provides that the Legion has the right to withdraw part or all of the assets of the trust account and to modify or terminate the trust agreement at its discretion.

Changes in Nonexpendable Funds during the year ended December 31, 1987 are as follows:

	Overseas Graves Decoration Fund	Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund
Revenue:		
Paid-Up-For-Life membership dues collected		$ 722,339
Investment income	$ 58,921	721,619
	58,921	1,443,958
Expenses:		
Membership dues withdrawn		544,245
Decoration of graves:		
European Theatre	13,185	
Philippine Islands	500	
Administrative expense		109,101
Trust fees		22,585
	13,685	675,931
Excess of revenues over expenses	45,236	768,027
Fund balances, January 1, 1987	652,661	6,223,407
Fund balances, December 31, 1987	$697,897	$6,991,434

The cost and market value of investments in the Nonexpendable Funds are as follows:

	December 31			
	1987		1986	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
Overseas Graves Decoration Fund:				
U.S. Government obligations	$ 664,047	$ 667,027	$ 607,822	$ 640,013
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund:				
U.S. Government obligations	$4,002,969	$4,132,627	$3,399,281	$3,648,562
Money market accounts	1,118,043	1,118,043	1,329,679	1,329,679
Common stocks	1,553,924	1,736,773	1,238,953	1,588,828
Total investments	$6,674,936	$6,987,443	$5,967,913	$6,567,069

Note 7—American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation:

The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation (the Endowment Fund) was incorporated in 1925 as a not-for-profit corporation with perpetual existence to act as trustee for the American Legion Endowment Fund, which was created to provide permanent funding for rehabilitation of American veterans and assistance to orphans of veterans. In August, 1946, the Legion transferred securities having a market value of $2,001,000 to the Endowment Fund. The assets transferred have been held segregated by the Endowment Fund and the principal related to the 1946 transfer, which had a market value of $1,897,584 at December 31, 1987, may be withdrawn by the Legion, if needed, for rehabilitation of veterans or assistance to orphans of veterans.

Income earned on the investments of the Endowment Fund, net of administrative expenses, is payable to the Legion to support its programs for the above-mentioned purposes. Income from the Endowment Fund amounted to $569,256 in 1987 and $715,765 in 1986.

Note 8—Life Insurance Trust:

In connection with The American Legion's Life Insurance Plan, the Legion has created a Trust to which the First National Bank of Kansas City, Missouri, as Trustee, holds legal title. The accumulated earnings of the Trust funds and any experience rating refunds and dividends received from the insurors, which aggregate to $5,723,016 as of December 31, 1987, are available for any of the following purposes, if approved by the Legion:

(a) To increase the Trust fund.

(b) To reduce or pay in full the life insurance premiums thereafter due from participants.

(c) To provide additional life insurance benefits for the participants.

(d) To make refunds to the participants.

(e) To make distributions to the Legion in support of its activities and programs serving the interest of the Legion and its members, provided that such distributions are not disapproved in writing by a majority of the participants.

In accordance with the provisions of item (e) above, the Legion's National Executive Committee has approved partial funding of the oratorical contest, Boys' Nation, American Legion Baseball, and other programs of the Legion. At December 31, 1987, $879,850 in Trust Funds had been approved for use in designated programs during 1988.

Note 9—Pension Plan:

During 1986, the Legion adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 87, "Employers' Accounting for Pensions" (SFAS 87). The funded status of the plan at the end of the year was:

	December 31	
	1987	1986
Actuarial present value of plan benefits:		
Vested	$(9,763,724)	$(10,419,009)
Nonvested	(1,251,592)	(1,247,315)
Accumulated benefit obligation	(11,015,316)	(11,666,324)
Effect of future salary increases	(126,300)	(44,391)
Projected benefit obligation	(11,141,616)	(11,710,715)
Plans assets at fair value, primarily listed stock, bonds, and U.S. securities	18,592,977	18,233,926
Excess of plan assets over projected benefit obligation	7,451,361	6,523,211
Unrecognized net gain	(2,102,550)	(1,556,796)
Unrecognized net asset at end of year	(4,011,614)	(4,304,976)
Prepaid pension expense	$ 1,337,197	$ 661,439

Net pension expense (credit) for 1987 and 1986 included the following components:

	1987	1986
Service cost—benefits earned during the year	$ 497,694	$ 455,294
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	878,428	823,909
Actual return on assets	(699,782)	(2,889,347)
Net amortization and deferral:	(976,058)	1,417,320
Net pension expense (credit)	$(299,718)	$(192,824)

The discount rate and rate of increase in future compensation levels used in determining the actuarial present value of the projected benefit obligation were 8.25 and 5%, respectively, for 1987 and 7.75 and 5%, respectively, for 1986. The assumed rate of return on plan assets during 1987 and 1986 was 7.5 and 7.75%, respectively.

Note 10—Litigation

The Legion is currently involved in and/or has been mentioned as a defendant or co-defendant in several legal actions. It is the opinion of the National Judge Advocate that these claims are without merit and any ultimate liability of the Legion with respect to these actions will not materially affect the financial position of the Legion.

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Mr. James P. Dean, National Commander
The American Legion
National Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

OPINION ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

We have examined and reported separately on the basic financial statements of The American Legion National Headquarters as of December 31, 1987 and 1986 and for the year ended December 31, 1987.

The examinations referred to above were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on those financial statements of The American Legion National Headquarters taken as a whole. The supplementary information as listed in the accompanying table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Geo. S. Olive & Co.

Indianapolis, Indiana
March 31, 1988

PRACTICE OFFICE LOCATIONS
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Year Ended Dec

	National Officers, Commissions And Committees	Internal Programs (primarily Indianapolis)	External Activities (primarily Washington, D.C.)	General
Revenue:				
National dues		$ 7,779,777	$ 713,551	
Sales of Emblem items				
Advertising revenue				
Investment income		1,578,620		
Direct membership solicitation		2,050,336		
Revenue enhancement		376,644		
American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation income		170,777	398,479	
Amounts withdrawn from American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund		741,159	58,620	
Other restricted income		237,746		
Other income	$ 5,000	648,564	53,026	
	5,000	13,583,623	1,223,676	
Expenses:				
Salaries	246,380	2,316,513	1,738,541	
Employee benefits		683,448		
Cost of sales				
Direct publication expenses				
Executive and staff travel	252,967	159,294	84,149	
Commission and committee	1,211,572			
Operational	7,882	4,086,848	88,626	
Office	2,171	2,718,337	138,797	
Occupancy		288,875		
Special projects and programs	63,004	373,349	371,035	
	1,783,976	10,626,664	2,421,148	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenses	$(1,778,976)	$ 2,956,959	$(1,197,472)	

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enue And Expenses by Function
ember 31, 1987

Functions			Self-Supporting Functions		
Administration					
Indianapolis	Washington, D.C.	Total General Functions	Emblem Division	Publications Division	Total All Functions
		$ 8,493,328		$7,080,366	$15,573,694
			$5,216,177		5,216,177
				5,141,562	5,141,562
		1,578,620			1,578,620
		2,050,336			2,050,336
		376,644			376,644
		569,256			569,256
$ 47,428		847,207			847,207
		237,746			237,746
120,331	$ 6,000	832,921	205,937	53,593	1,092,451
167,759	6,000	14,986,058	5,422,114	12,275,521	32,683,693
830,302	461,802	5,593,538	500,423	383,662	6,477,623
		683,448			683,448
36,536		36,536	3,263,383	528,197	3,828,116
				8,991,127	8,991,127
18,045	12,911	527,366	24,463	21,753	573,582
		1,211,572			1,211,572
75,058	30,142	4,288,556	235,857	54,800	4,579,213
72,099	70,855	3,002,259	245,900	159,042	3,407,201
270,464	158,529	717,868	28,436	51,617	797,921
(99,709)	125,056	832,735	368,102	583,239	1,784,076
1,202,795	859,295	16,893,878	4,666,564	10,773,437	32,333,879
$(1,035,036)	$(853,295)	$(1,907,820)	$ 755,550	$ 1,502,084	$ 349,814

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Reconciliation of Audited Financial Statements to Internal Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 1987

	Total Current Fund
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses—Internal Financial Statements:	
Page 2	$349,814
Add:	
Excess of revenue over expenses for certain designated and restricted funds not included in internal financials—principally The Restricted Fund—exhibit B, sheet 2 (page 7)	644,343
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses—Audited Financial Statements— exhibit B, sheet 1 (page 5)	$994,157

American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation

Robert Charles Smith (LA) President

Foreseeing the necessity of a recurring income source for funding its war veterans rehabilitation and child welfare programs, The American Legion conducted a national campaign in 1925 which raised approximately $5 million for this purpose. The funds contributed were entrusted to the custody of the American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation.

The Corporation was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware in 1925 and a trust agreement between The American Legion and the Corporation was signed in accordance with which the funds are administered by the Corporation with the annual net investment income being paid to The American Legion for use in the two programs involved.

The operations and financial condition of the American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation for each of the last five years are summarized below (taken from the annual audit reports prepared by Geo. S. Olive & Co., Indianapolis, Indiana).

	December 31, 1987	December 31, 1986	December 31, 1985	December 31, 1984	December 31, 1983
Total assets	$7,437,287	$7,410,175	$7,351,453	$7,340,044	$7,314,933
Investments—at cost	$7,372,598	$7,325,349	$7,260,235	$7,250,912	$7,243,536
Interest income	$ 585,017	$ 628,683	$ 639,808	$ 626,405	$ 616,218
Expenses	29,278	25,706	31,237	27,469	23,225
Excess income over expense	$ 555,739	$ 602,977	$ 608,571	$ 598,936	$ 592,993
Funds transferred to The American Legion	$ 577,471	$ 573,282	$ 615,096	$ 580,612	$ 585,690
Average yield on book value of investments	8.29%	8.47%	8.90%	8.92%	8.80%

The American Legion — Discount Coupons

70th National Convention
THE AMERICAN LEGION

HIGHLIGHTS OF LOUISVILLE — View the unique downtown architecture of Main Street: Kentucky Center for the Arts, famous Actor's Theatre, and the Humana Building. Explore Derby City with a beautiful drive through Louisville's prettiest residential areas, Zachary Taylor National Cemetary and Springfield, the home of the 12th President of the U.S. Tour Locust Grove, a restored plantation home of George Rogers Clark built in 1790.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday 1:00-3:30 p.m.
Regular price $15.00 **With coupon $14.00**

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70th National Convention
THE AMERICAN LEGION

LEXINGTON/BLUEGRASS & HORSES — Located in the heart of the Bluegrass Region this scenic route will take you by lush green pastures, miles of plank fencing and Kentucky thoroughbreds enjoying a dew-laden Kentucky morning. At our first stop, the Kentucky Horse Park, you'll experience "close up" the sights and sounds of a working horse farm as well as a beautiful award winning film and interesting "hands on" museum. We'll go through downtown Lexington, historic Gratz Park and stop at the Festival Market, an upscale development for shopping and lunch on your own.
Friday & Sunday 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Regular price $23.00 **With coupon $21.00**
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THE AMERICAN LEGION

SHAKERSTOWN/HARRODSBURG — Our Shakertown/Harrodsburg tour will take you back to the pioneer days. You can sense the presence of Kentucky's hereos as you walk through Fort Harrod and visit the cabin where Abraham Lincoln's parents were married. You will enjoy touring the Shaker Village and see beautiful Shaker furnishings and craftsmen demonstrating their skills. A delicious lunch at the Trustee's House included.

Monday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Regular price $38.00 **With coupon $35.00**

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FORT KNOX — Enjoy a trip to Fort Knox aboard air-conditioned, lavatory equipped coaches. At Fort Knox, you will see displays at the Patton Museum of Cavalry and Armor which depict the early history of weapons, equipment and uniforms from the Revolutionary War to the present. You can also see a display of the helicopter evolution.

Friday & Saturday 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Regular price $15.00 **With coupon $13.50**

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BARDSTOWN/HODGENVILLE — A charming southern Belle guide treats you to a tour of the colonial mansion made famous by Stephen Foster's "My Old Kentucky Home." Also visit the Jim Beam Distillery, St. Joseph's Cathedral and then on to Hodgenville to see Abraham Lincoln's Birthplace National Historic Site.

Saturday & Monday 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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September 2-8

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FREEDOM: FOREVER A CHILD

JEROME CARLSON

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Verse:
Freedom's fate is like that of a child,
always in the hands of others.
Needing to be nurtured and protected,
guided and respected.
Learning to share, to be fair with others,
open to all points of view.
With boundaries big, big to grow in
learning to stumble and fall.

Chorus:
Don't let it grow old or be taken for granted
Only to learn when it's gone
How precious it was all along
Our freedom, our freedom, forever a child.
Our freedom, forever a child.

Verse:
Sometimes it wants to run wild,
Yes, freedom, always a child.
It's tempting to overreact
when patience will do.
If the boundaries are just, made of principles
we trust, then we have nothing to fear.
We feel secure, knowing for sure and thank
GOD our freedom's a child.

Chorus:
Don't let it grow old or be taken for granted
Only to learn when it's gone
How precious it was all along
Our freedom, our freedom, forever a child.
Our freedom, forever a child.

Musical Bridge:

Chorus:
Don't let it grow old or be taken for granted
Only to learn when it's gone
How precious it was all along
Our freedom, our freedom, forever a child.
Our freedom, forever, our freedom... our freedom,
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Our freedom, forever a child.

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Featuring: Lee Greenwood "God Bless The USA" — 7:00 p.m.

Big Band sounds of the 40's and 50's ★ Bluegrass Band ★ German Band ★ Waltham Massachusetts American Legion Band

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